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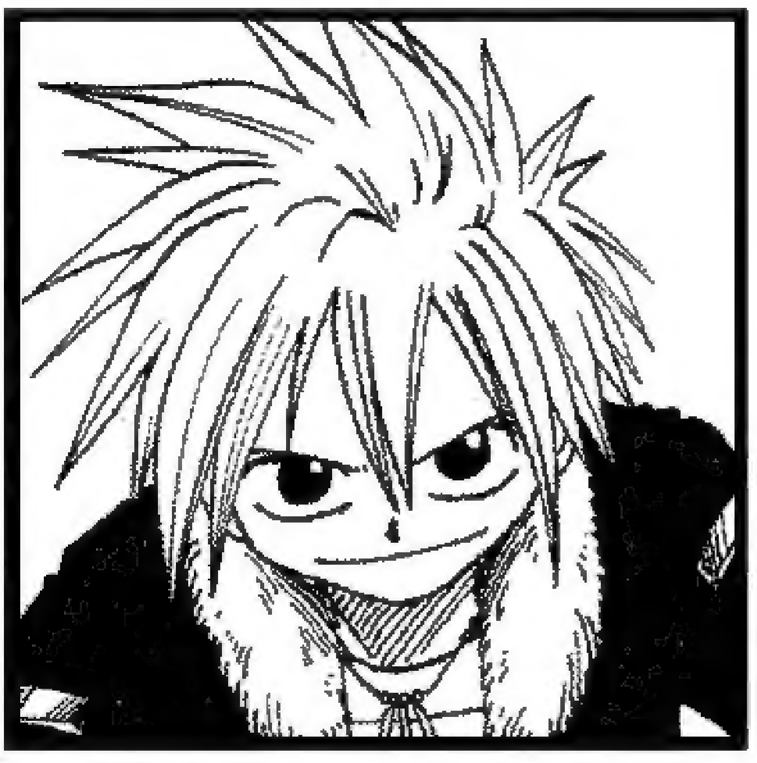
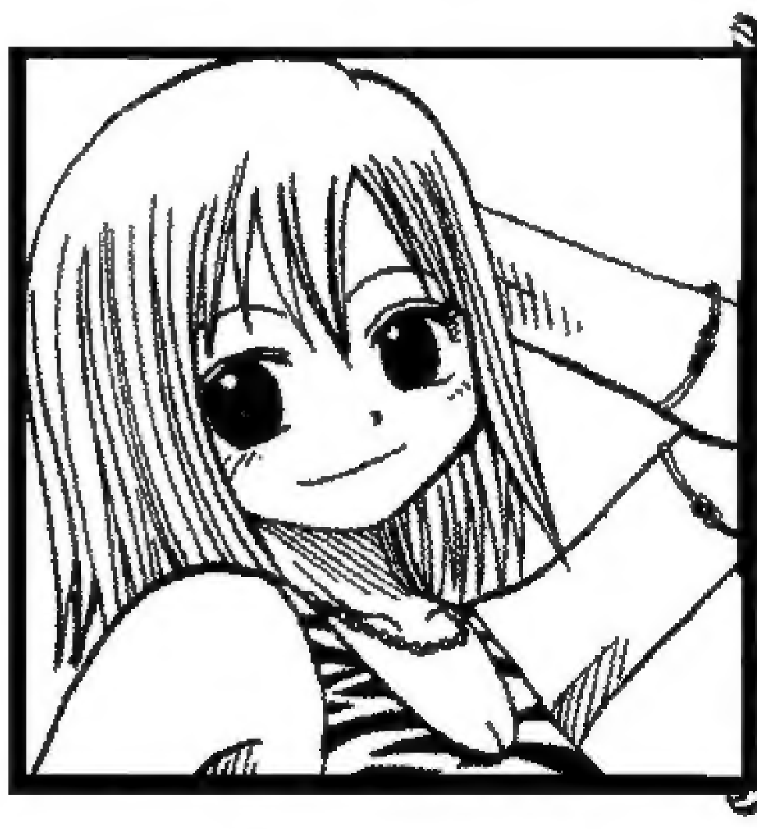
The Story So Far...

Rave Master Haru Glory and his companions traveled to the capital city Experiment in search of clues about the Rave Stones. What they found instead almost cost Haru and Elie their lives. Elie was confronted by Elemental Master Sieg Hart who told her that she was created in a lab as part of the Aetherion Project. Elie has within her the power of Aetherion which threatens to destroy the timestream, and for that Sieg had to kill her. Elie was mortally wounded by Sieg, and only by transforming the Ten Powers sword into Rune Save was Haru able to save her life and stop Aetherion. With the timestream safe, Sieg told Haru to go east, to the Luka continent to find the Rave of Combat. And that's exactly what Haru plans to do...

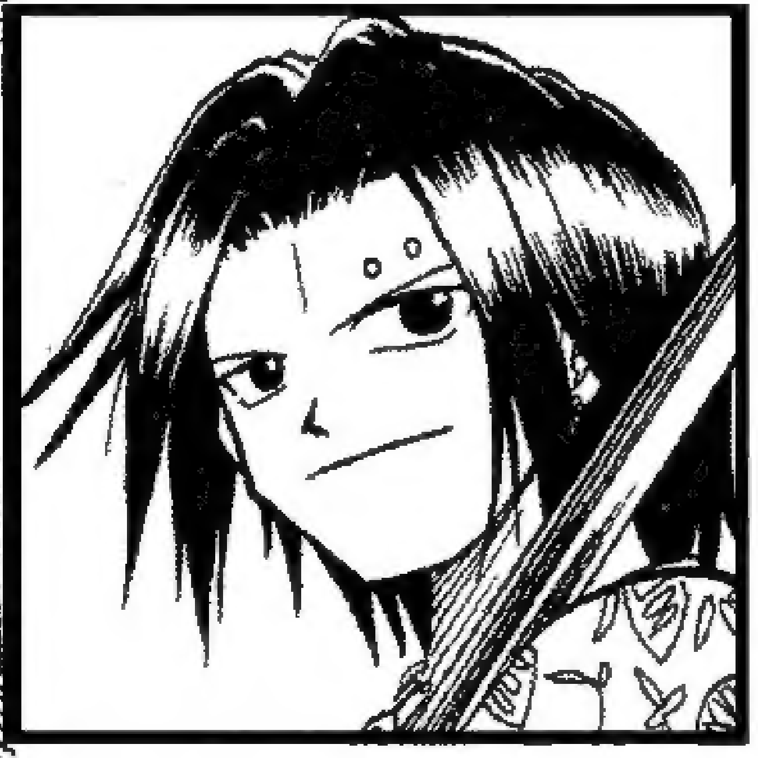
HARU GLORY: The Rave Master. Haru is the heir to Rave, the only one capable of wielding it and destroying Dark Bring. Impulsive and headstrong, he's not afraid to put himself in danger to do what is right. His father disappeared in search of Rave when he was very young.

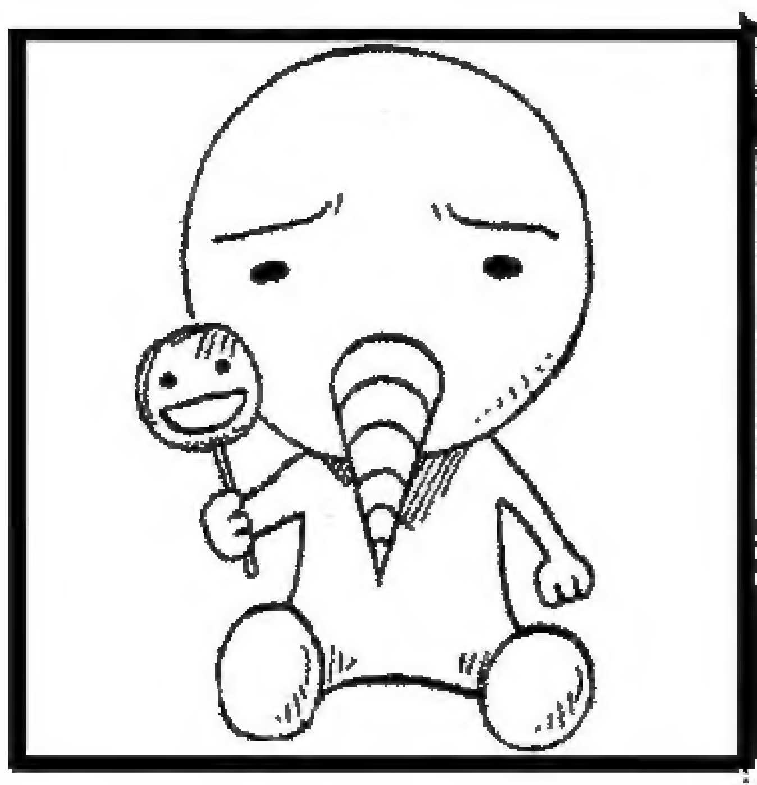




ELIE: A Girl with no past. Elie travels the world in search of the key to her forgotten memories. Outwardly cheerful, she hides a great sadness from her past. She's hot-headed, so when she pulls out her explosive Tonfa Blasters, bad guys watch out!

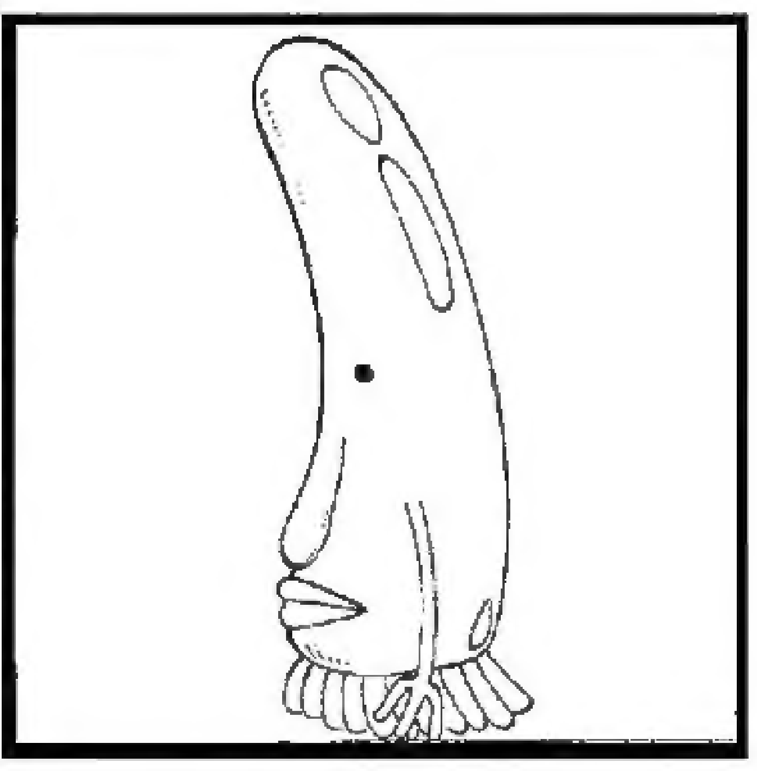
MUSICA: Leader of the Silver Rhythm Gang. An orphan whose family was slaughtered when he was a baby, Musica became a street-fighting petty thief, but he has a good heart.

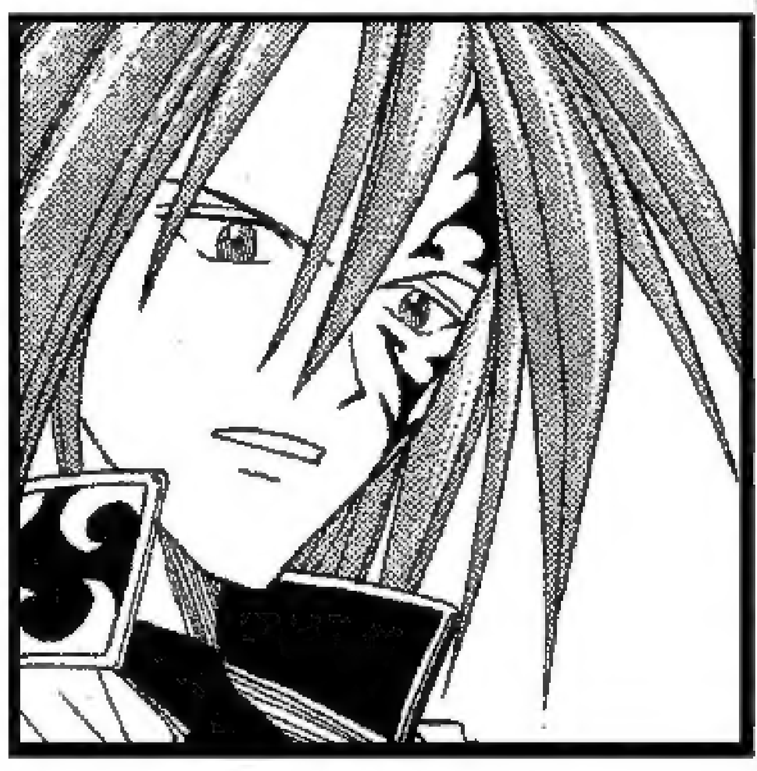




PLUE: The Rave Bearer. Plue is supposed to be Haru's guide in finding the Rave Stones, but so far he's just gotten him in and out of trouble. No one knows exactly what Plue is, but he seems to have healing abilities and is smarter than your average...whatever he is.

GRIFF: Don't even ask what this thing is. His full name is Griffon Kato, but he just goes by Griff. He works as a cart driver and is hired to transport Haru and friends across the Continent of Song. His body can stretch like rubber and he's got a crush on Elie.





SEIG HART: The Elemental Master Sieg Hart was formerly working with Demon Card, even though he was not a member. After his attempt to kill Elie was thwarted, he was betrayed by Reina, one of Demon Card's Oracion Six. .

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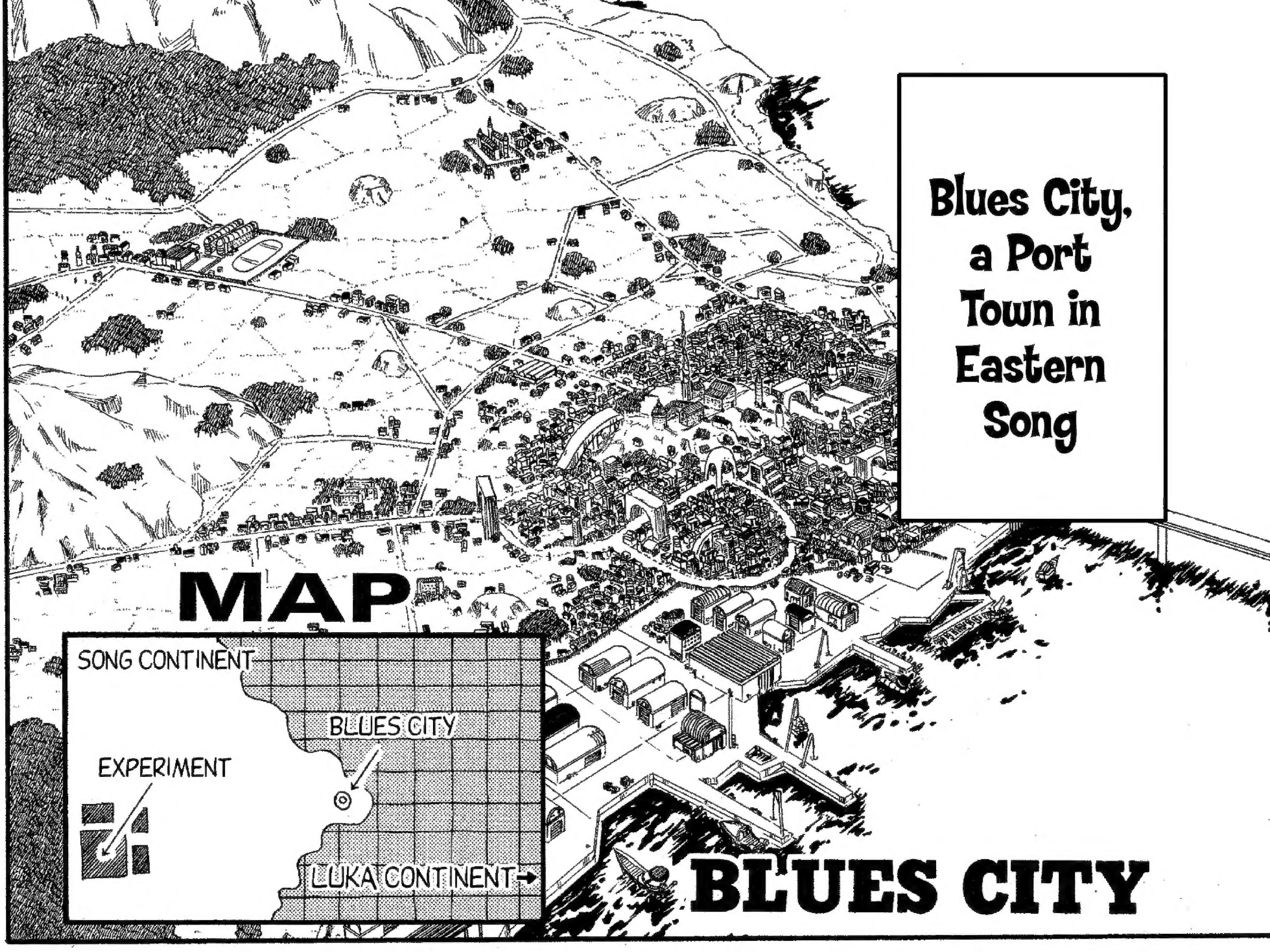
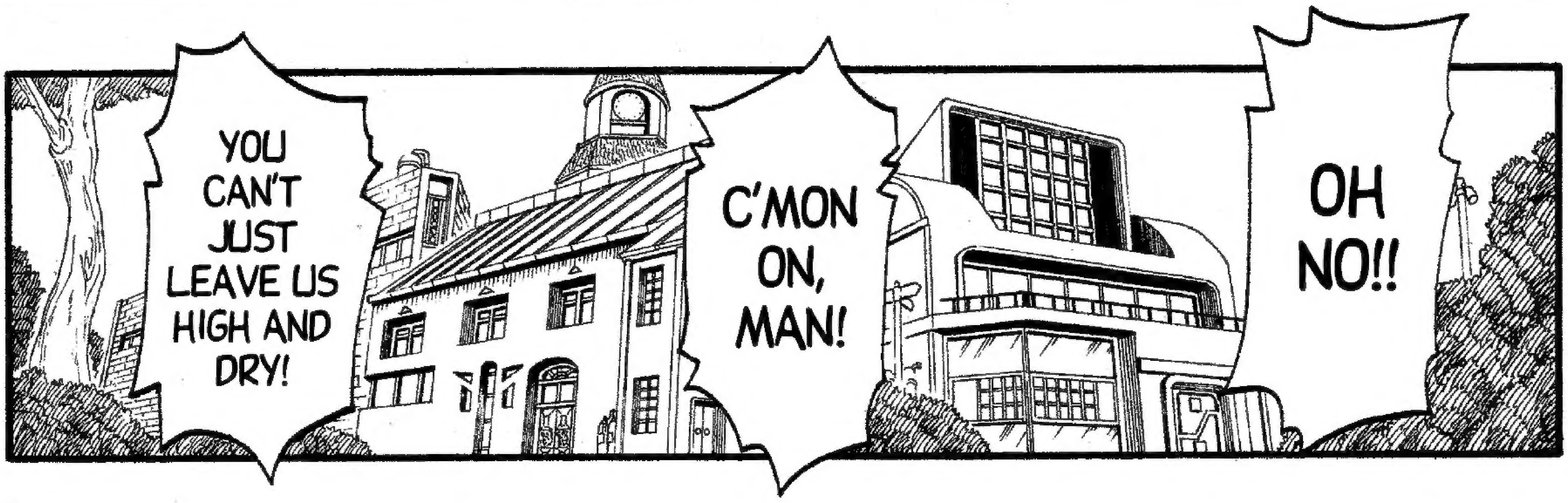
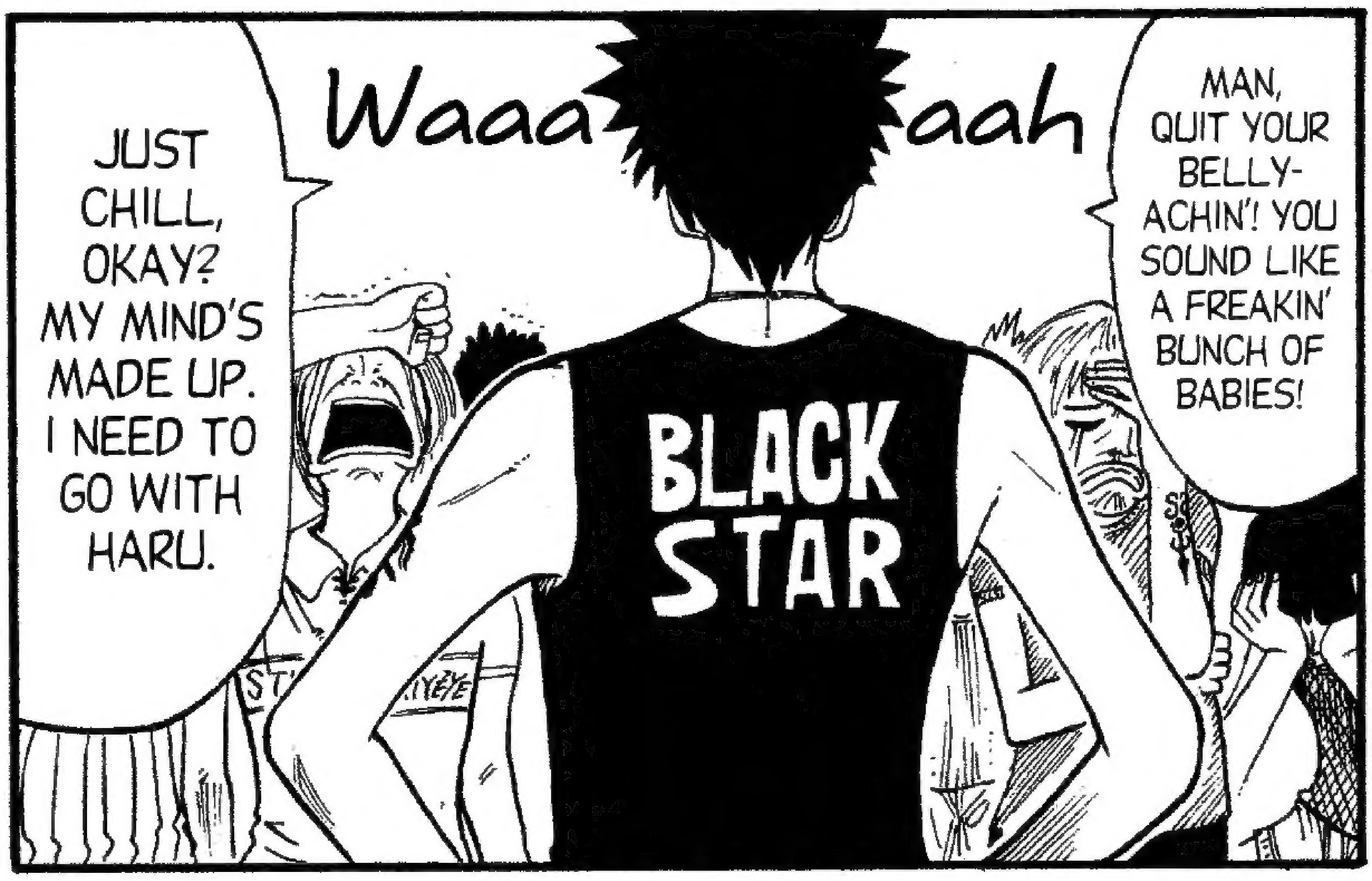
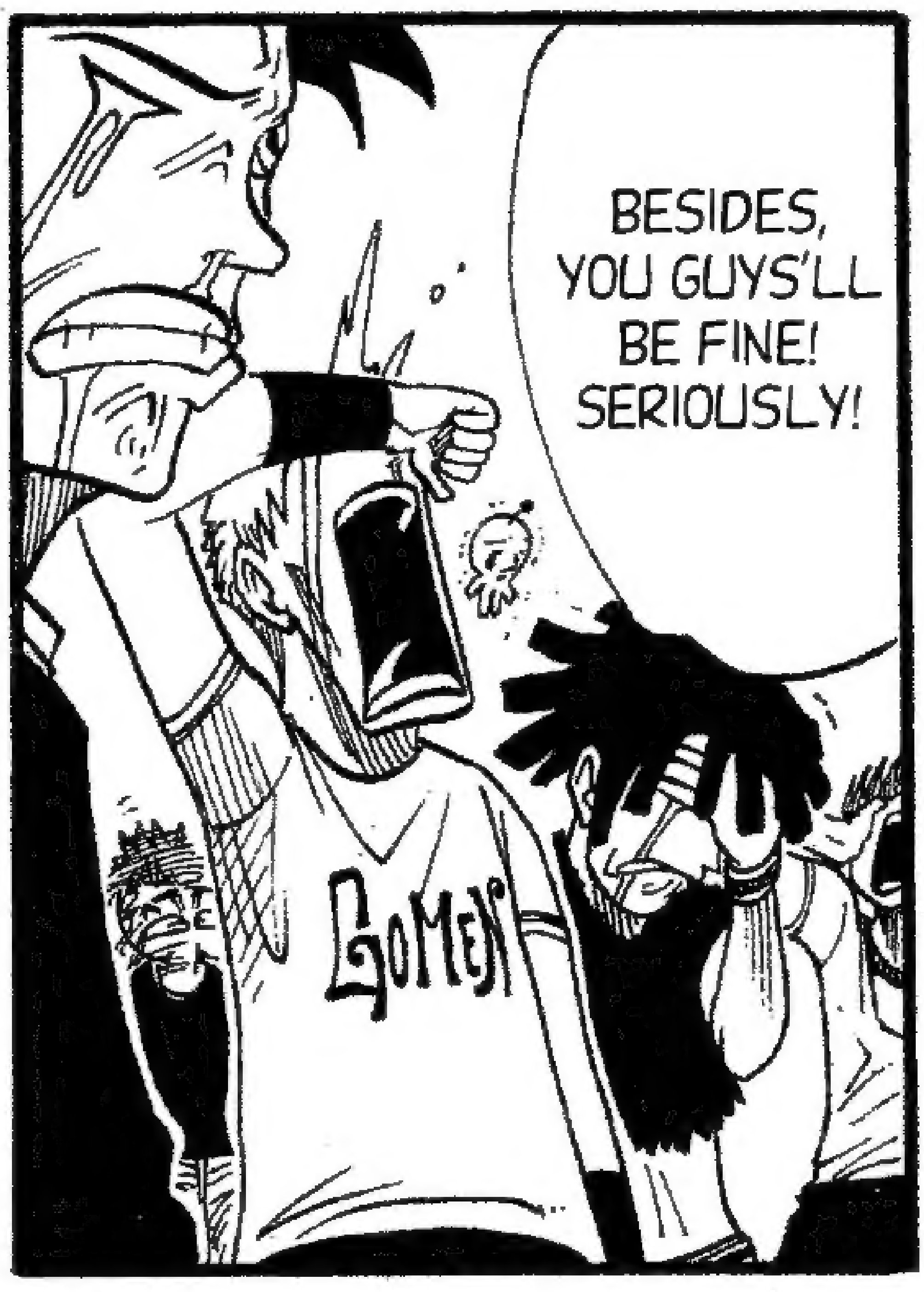
RAVE: 48 ✚ THE LONGEST DAY IN MUSICA'S LIFE


Blues City, a Port Town in Eastern Song
MAP
SONG CONTINENT
BLUES CITY
EXPERIMENT
LUKA CONTINENT→
BLUES CITY


OH NO!!
C'MON ON, MAN!
YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE US HIGH AND DRY!


MAN, QUIT YOUR BELLY-ACHIN'! YOU SOUND LIKE A FREAKIN' BUNCH OF BABIES!
Waaaaah
JUST CHILL, OKAY? MY MIND'S MADE UP. I NEED TO GO WITH HARU.
BLACK STAR


BESIDES, YOU GUYS'LL BE FINE! SERIOUSLY!
GoMEN

MUSICA, SIR...DOES THIS MEAN YOU'VE GIVEN UP ON FINDING THE "SHIP?"
びぃん ひん…
NO WAY.
YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF YOUR-SELVES. HARU AND HIS FRIENDS NEED ME.
THIS IS JUST SOMETHING I NEED TO DO.
YOU KNOW...I'VE BEEN THINKING IT ALL OVER, AND I WONDER... WOULDN'T IT BE FASTER TO HAVE MUSICA GIVE US A LIFT TO LUKA ON HIS AIRSHIP?
ガラ
DUDE, WE WENT OVER THIS. WE **WANNA** GO BY TRAIN.
ガラ
YEAH, GRIFF! HARU AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN ON A TRAIN BEFORE! IT'LL BE FUN!
ガラ
ガラ
BUT... HOW'S A TRAIN GOING TO GET US ACROSS THE OCEAN?
ISENMETEOR

ブロロ
ロ…
THIS IS GREAT! JUST GREAT! FEH!
GEEZ, MUSICA, WHAT CRAWLED UP YOUR SHORTS AND DIED?
YEAH! MAYBE IT'S YOUR DIET...ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH CALORIES?
I THINK YOU MEAN CALCIUM, MISS.
ガラ
ガラ
ガラ
ブロロロ…
I JUST DON'T GET WHY WE'RE RIDING THE RAIL...
...MAN, I'D MUCH RATHER JET THERE IN MY AIRSHIP.
DUDE, ADMIT IT! YOU'RE SCARED OF TRAINS!
ME? SCARED? NO, MAN, IT'S JUST GOING TO BE A LOOOONG TRIP, WITH STOPS IN EVERY DINKY LITTLE TOWN BETWEEN HERE AND LUKA.
PLEASE, TAKE IT EASY, SIR. HORSES HAVE THEIR BAD DAYS, JUST LIKE YOU OR ME.
ワァ~オ~
ぐもっ
LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS, BUT IT AIN'T A HORSE!

Blues City Station
BLUES STATION
WHAT?!
THE TRAIN'S OUT OF SERVICE?
YEP... DOWN FOR REPAIRS-- SHOULD BE FINISHED IN TWO OR THREE DAYS.
YOU'VE GOTTA BE JOKING! WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE **NOW**! GET THAT TRAIN OUT HERE, BUDDY!!
I'M SORRY, SIR. THAT'S SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE.
AW, SNAP. THIS SUCKS.
IT'S NO BIG THING, HARU. WE CAN JUST WAIT.
NO BIG THING?!
FEH...

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, MUSICA...? YOU'VE BEEN ACTIN' WIGGY ALL DAY.
BLACK STAR
WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT'S GOT YOU RILED UP?
......
IT'S THIS TOWN, HARU. BLUES CITY. IT'S WHERE I GREW UP.
I THOUGHT WE'D JUST BE PASSING THROUGH.
HUH?
I NEED TO GET SOME FRESH AIR. I'M GOING TO GO WANDER A LITTLE.

ガヤ…
MAN, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
ガヤ…
...I WONDER HOW MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED.
MASSAGE
SERVICE
TANK
ZIPPO
BLACK
OF ALL PLACES, WE JUST *HAD* TO GET STUCK HERE.
BAR Flower
BAR Flower
HA HA... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS DIVE IS STILL IN BUSINESS.
WE USED TO HANG HERE ALL THE TIME...
BAR Flower
......
...HER AND ME...

MUSICA?
ガヤ… ガヤ…
……
MELODIA …
MUSICA!!
OH MY GOSH!! IT'S REALLY YOU! YOU'RE ALIVE!
ARE YOU *THAT* SURPRISED?
I'M SERIOUS!!

I HAVEN'T HEARD WORD ONE FROM YOU SINCE YOU UP AND TOOK OFF... IT'S BEEN 1143 DAYS.
WHAT... YOU'VE BEEN COUNT-ING...?
WHATEVER. THE POINT IS, IT'S BEEN AGES. LOOK AT YOU! HAVE YOU GROWN?!
OH, MY. YOU HAVE! YOU'RE LOOKING EVEN FINER THAN BEFORE.
きゃっきゃっ
HEY...WHY DON'T WE GO GRAB A SEAT AND CATCH UP ON OLD TIMES?
HUH? SURE. WHY NOT?
チリィィィン
HEY, ELIE. IT'S NOT JUST ME, RIGHT? MUSICA'S BEEN ACTING A LITTLE WONKY TODAY, HASN'T HE?
TOTALLY!
I MEAN, LOOK AT THE TRAIN RIDE. I WAS TOTALLY PSYCHED FOR IT, BUT NOW HE WANTS TO GET ON EVEN MORE THAN ME!
He's stealing my thunder!
...
WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON...

WHY DO WE ALWAYS END UP AT THE CASINO, ELIE?
YIPPEE!! I HIT THE JACKPOT!
BAR Flower
SO, MUSICA, IS THERE A NEW LADY IN YOUR LIFE?
SPURT!
YOU DON'T BEAT AROUND THE BUSH.
YOU KNOW, IT **HAS** BEEN LIKE THREE YEARS.
AND I KNOW IT MAY COME AS A SURPRISE TO YOU, BUT I'M SOMETHING OF A CHICK-MAGNET.
HEH, I CAN SEE YOUR EGO'S SURVIVED INTACT...
giggle
BUT SERIOUSLY, THERE'S NO SPECIAL SOMEONE?
......
OH, COME ON. IT'S ME!
HA! I CAN SEE YOU'RE STILL NOSY, TOO!
HOW 'BOUT YOU? HOLDING THE REINS OF A NEW STUD?

THAT'S A SECRET.
OH NO, YOU CAN'T PULL THAT!
DID YOU FORGET ABOUT THE DEAL WE MADE?
NO SECRETS, RIGHT?
EXACTLY.
......
BLACK STAR
SO JUST TELL ME.
WHAT'S YOUR SITUATION?
ARE YOU SURE? YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW?
!

ALWAYS PLAYING GAMES...
I NOTICE YOU'RE NOT WEARING THE RING I GAVE YOU...
THAT OLD THING?
I GOT RID OF IT.
OUCH! THAT REALLY HURTS! THAT RING WAS A LOT OF HARD WORK!
C'MON, MUSICA. I COULDN'T GET A NEW BOYFRIEND IF I WAS WEARING A GIFT FROM MY EX-BOYFRIEND.
OH, THAT'S JUST GREAT.
HEY... THAT REMINDS ME.
WHAT?
DID YOU EVER FIND THAT SHIP?
....
NAH...

BLACK STAR
I BEEN SEARCHING FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS STRAIGHT AND HONESTLY, I'M NO CLOSER THAN WHEN I STARTED.
I'M STARTING TO DOUBT WHETHER IT EVEN EXISTS. MAYBE I'VE BEEN CHASING A GHOST.
TOILET
MUSICA... I BELIEVE IN THE SHIP.
BUT YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, IT'S AN OUTRAGEOUS STORY. IT'S NOT A SHIP FOR TRAVELING THE SEA...THE SKIES... EVEN SPACE.
I'M SURE IT'S BEEN HARD...
BUT WHEN YOU FLEW OUTTA THIS TOWN, YOU BELIEVED IN THE STORY MORE THAN ANYONE.

I KNOW DEEP DOWN YOU BELIEVE... I GUESS THAT'S WHY I DO, TOO.
ガタ…
I... I REALLY SHOULD GO.
TAKE CARE! I'M SURE EVERYTHING'LL TURN OUT FINE.
TE

MELODIA...
ガタ
I'LL BE HERE TIL' THE TRAIN GETS FIXED.
...THINK WE CAN GET TOGETHER AGAIN TOMORROW?
SURE! WHY NOT? I DON'T THINK I HAVE ANYTHING ELSE GOING ON...
Heh...
THAT RING... THAT WAS THE FIRST THING I EVER MADE, TOO...

MAN... WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
I'M SITTING HERE WONDERING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN...IF THAT TRAIN JUST STAYED DEAD.
The next day.
THE TRAIN'S ALREADY FIXED?!?
......

YES, SIR... OUR CREW WORKED ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT TO GET IT BACK ONLINE! WE'LL BE DEPARTING IN AN HOUR. DON'T BE LATE.
RIGHT ON! WE BETTER GET READY!
HARU!! DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT ME. I'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR, I PROMISE!
WAIT! MUSICA!
ONE LAST TIME...
HUFF
HUFF
...I HAVE TO SEE MELODIA AGAIN...
HUFF
HUFF
...ONE LAST TIME...
Melodia's House
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

WHAT THE HECK AM I GOING TO SAY...
...WHEN I SEE HER...?
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT THE DEUCE DOES MUSICA THINK HE'S DOING?!? C'MON!
IT'S BEEN ALMOST AN HOUR.
In local news, with repairs finished on the transcontinental express train, the rail will be resuming its normal schedule starting today.
!

HEY, SLOWPOKES. IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, THE TRAIN'LL LEAVE WITHOUT YOU.
りくもしゃ
WHAT THE--?!
YOU'RE SUCH A SNEAK!! I WANTED TO BE THE FIRST ONE ON THE TRAIN!
MUSICA... DID YOU GET WHATEVER IT WAS TAKEN CARE OF?
SORRY I HAD YOU STRESSIN', BUDDY.
NOW LET'S GET THE HECK OUT OF THIS TOWN.
?
SORRY, MELODIA...
Whooo!
...I...I COULDN'T LET MY FRIENDS DOWN.
BUT I WILL FIND THAT SHIP! I WON'T LET YOU DOWN!
AND WITH HARU AND ELIE HELPING ME OUT, IT MIGHT BE SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

MELODIA...
...I JUST HOPE I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY...
ガタ
HEY, MUSICA. THIS BRIDGE IS SAFE, ISN'T IT?
ガタン
HA HA HA! RELAX, HARU.
I SEE...I'M GLAD YOU FOUND GOOD FRIENDS TO HELP YOU, MUSICA.
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU.
ガタタタタタ
HEY, HARU, YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THE OCEAN, RIGHT? AREN'T THERE LOTS OF COOL BUGS AND STUFF WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE?
HUH...? OH...YEAH, KINDA. BUT THEY'RE CALLED FISH, NOT "BUGS AND STUFF."
ッパーーア...

And so, with his head filled with what might have been, Musica made up his mind to join Haru and his friends on their quest.

And the train pressed on to the continent of Luka...known as a world of chaos and the home of Haru's next adventure...

RAVE MASTER

RAVE: 49 ✚ GO FOR IT, JIGGLE BUTT GANG!

ガタン…
ゴトン…
ガタン…
ガタン…
ARE THE EXPLOSIVES ALL SET, LACKEY A?
ゴトン…
HO HO HO. WIRED AND READY, BOSS.
HAHAHAHAHAHA-- WE'RE GOING TO BE RICH! WE'RE TOTALLY HOLDING THIS TRAIN FOR RANSOM! GET READY TO PAY UP OR BLOW UP!
HEE HE E HEE...
ANY MINUTE NOW WE'LL BE AT OUR TARGET! EVERYBODY IN THEIR PLACES!
ガタン…
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ガタン
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BAH! YOU CAN'T RUSH THESE THINGS! WE'LL GET THERE WHEN WE GETS THERE.
YOU MUST USE PATIENCE! PATIENCE, MY BOY!
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ガタン
プリッ

ALL RIGHT BOYS, LET'S INTRODUCE THEM TO THE JIGGLE BUTT GANG!!!
BAH! PLANNING PAYS OFF! YOU'LL SEE!
Feh-- patience! If it were up to the boss, we'd be waiting around 'til the next train!
YOU RUSH AND YOU GET CARELESS. AND BEING CARELESS IS HOW CAPERS LIKE THIS GET ALL JAMMED UP!
I'VE PLANNED FAR TOO LONG FOR OUR "PLANT A BOMB AND SCARE A BIG WAD OF CASH OUT OF THE TRAIN CONDUCTOR" PLAN TO BE FLUSHED DOWN THE POOPER.
I HEAR YA! WE'LL DO OUR EVILDOING BEST!
IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, THEN CALM DOWN! OR MAYBE 19 PUSH-UPS WILL CHILL YOU OUT!!
WHA--?!? PUSH-UPS? NOW?
NO BACKTALK, MISTER! OR DO YOU WANT ME TO MAKE IT 31 PUSH UPS?!
UM, SIR, UH... WHAT'S WITH ALL THE ODD NUMBERS, SIR?
RIGHT ON, PLUE! WE MADE IT TO THE ROOF!
!!

THIS IS MORE LIKE IT! THE STALE AIR IN THE CABIN WAS KILLING ME!
PUUUN
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WHOA! LOOK! THERE'S PEOPLE UP HERE.
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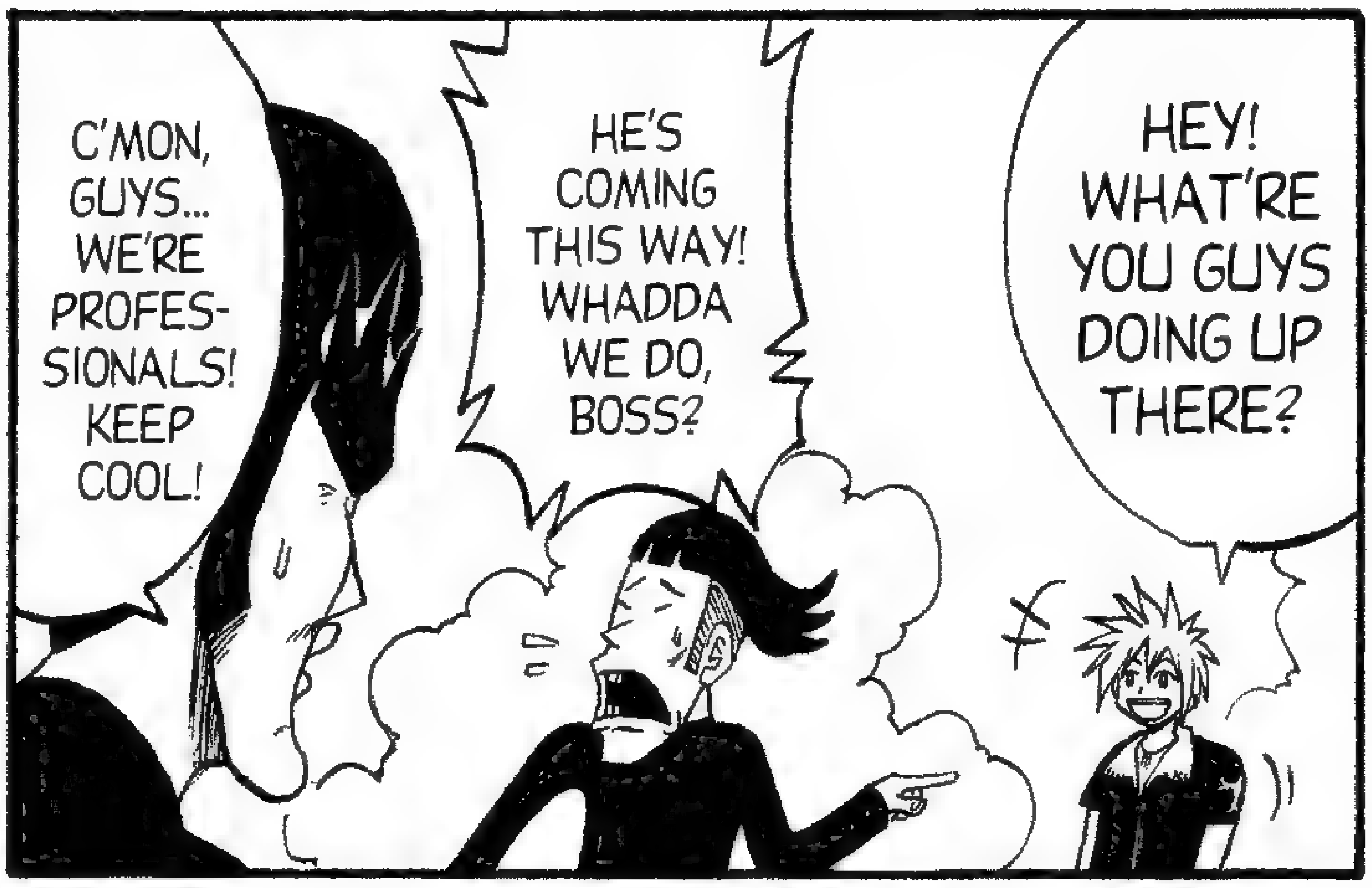
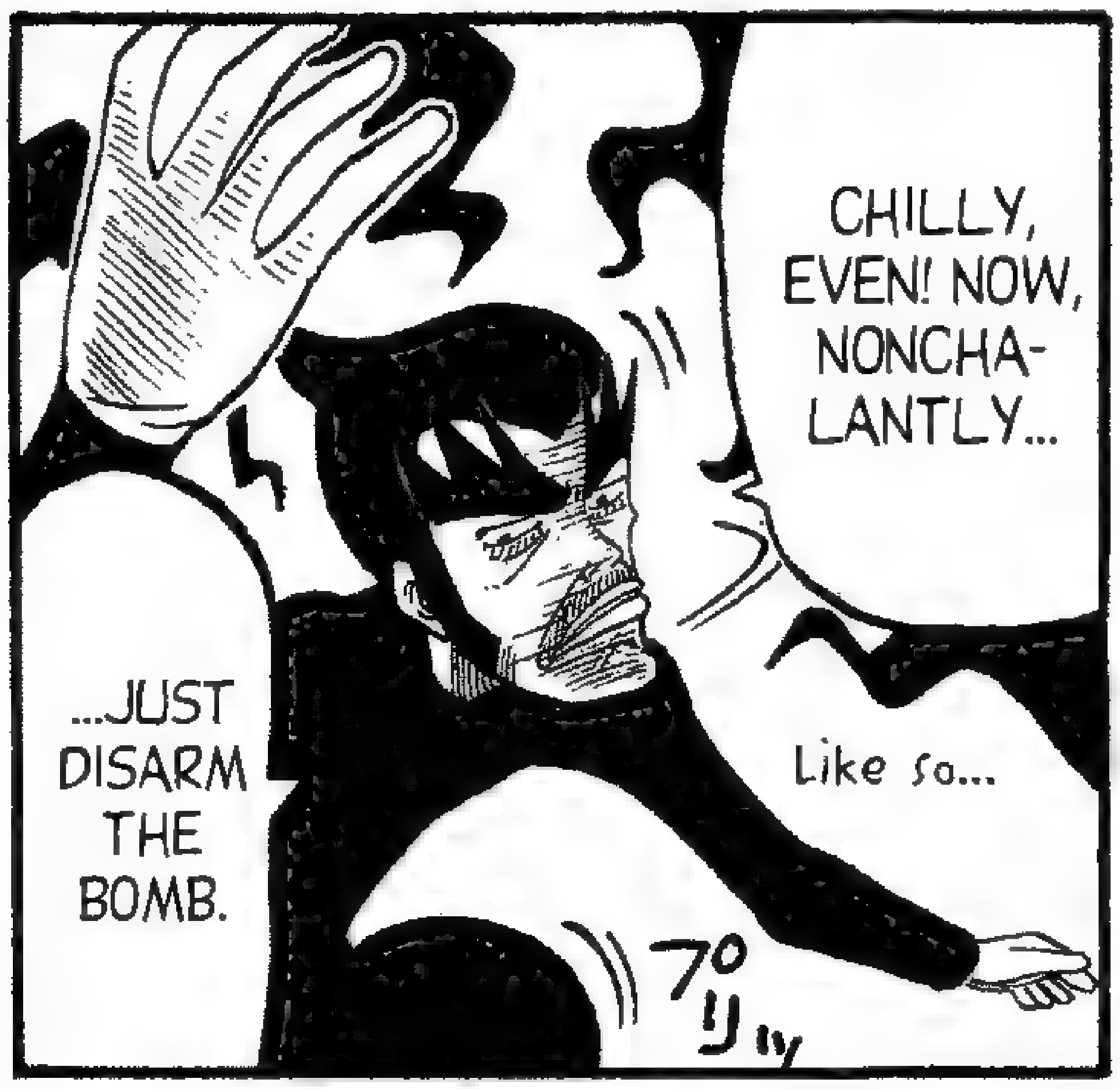
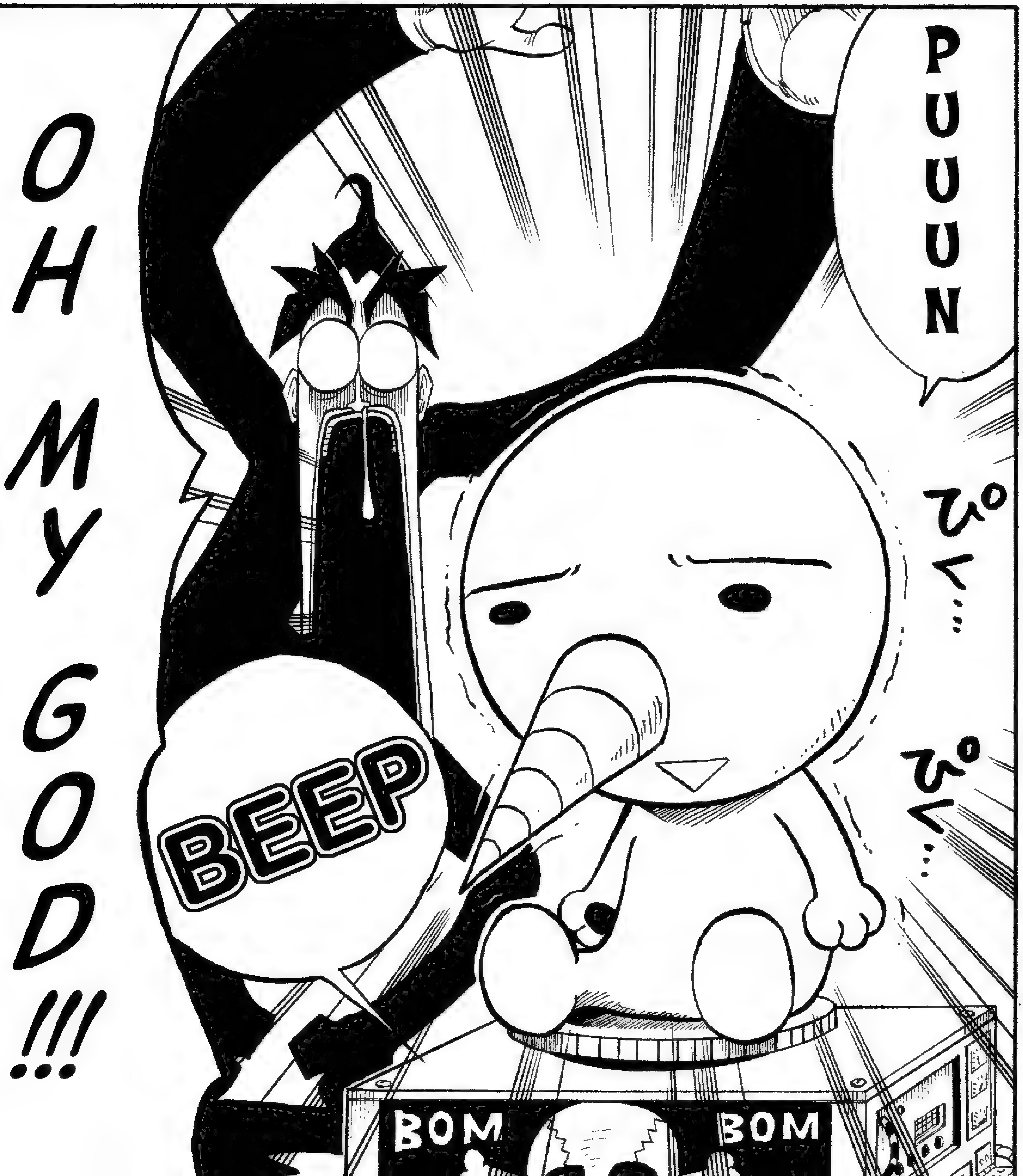
....
HEY WASSUP? GORGEOUS DAY, HUH?
HAHAHAHAHA!
WHEW! IT'S JUST SOME PUNK KID... I ALMOST FREAKED OUT...
DUDE, THIS ROCKS! WE'RE LIKE GLIDING ACROSS THE OCEAN!


HEY! WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING UP THERE?
HE'S COMING THIS WAY! WHADDA WE DO, BOSS?
C'MON, GUYS... WE'RE PROFESSIONALS! KEEP COOL!


CHILLY, EVEN! NOW, NONCHALANTLY...
Like so...
...JUST DISARM THE BOMB.
プリッ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ぴく...
OH MY GOD!!!
BEEP
BOM
BOM

DID YOU HEAR A "BEEP"?! I THINK I HEARD A "BEEP"!! OHMANOHMAN OHMAN!
ぐもっ
TAKE A DEEP BREATH, BOSS... REMEMBER, WE PLAY IT LIKE ICE.
HEY, MAN, I'M HARU, AND THIS LITTLE DUDE IS PLUE. IT'S A PLEASURE TO...
PUUN
ポム
WHATEVER! I GOT IT! JUST...JUST DON'T MOVE, PLUE!
BOM
Hidey-ho! C'mon, my peoples! Huddle up!
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY, BUT MAN IT'S A SCORCHER! AREN'T YOU GUYS HOT OUT HERE?
Those black outfits gotta have you sweatin'!
ALL RIGHT, BOYS. SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT BY GETTING THAT THING OFF OF THERE AND SHUTTING THAT BOMB DOWN.
W-WE CAN'T DO IT!
WHAT?!
SEE, THE TRIGGER, IT'S PRESSURE-SENSITIVE! IF THE WEIGHT IS REMOVED, THE BOMB'LL GO OFF.
YAH, BOSS. IF THAT LI'L SNOWMAN MOVES, WE ALL GO KABOOM!

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GRR... WHAT'S HE WORKING AT?
MY PERFECT PLAN...I WON'T LET IT GO UP IN SMOKE!
THAT... THAT...
プリン
PUUN
...THAT... WHAT THE HECK *IS* THAT THING, ANYWAY?!
IT'S KINDA ADORABLE...
...IT WARMS EVEN MY BLACK HEART...
じーー
WHAT ARE YOU DUDES UP TO OUT HERE, ANYWAY?
HUH?
プリリン

LEAVE IT TO ME, BOYS. I'LL GET RID OF THE KID.
YOU TWO KEEP AN EYE ON THAT THING AND MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T MOVE AN INCH.
ON IT, BOSS-MAN!
HEY...HARU, RIGHT? SO, KID... WHERE ARE YOUR PARENTS?
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HUH?
......
MY MOM DIED WHEN I WAS LITTLE...
...AND MY DAD'S BEEN OUT OF THE PICTURE SINCE EVEN BEFORE THEN.
!!
SO SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO PRY.
ふる...
ふる...
?
KEEP IT TOGETHER! YOU CAN'T CRY!
YOU'RE A BLACK-HEARTED SCOUNDREL!
KID...IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE HAD A ROUGH TIME OF IT. I FEEL YOUR PAIN, BELIEVE ME...I KNOW HOW IT IS.
ポン
ふるふる...
NO, NO, IT'S OKAY. IT SOUNDS SAD AND LONELY, BUT MY SISTER'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME.
KID... YOU THINK YOU GOT TIME TO HEAR MY SAD TALE?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A YEAR AGO...I WAS BOUNCING THROUGH THE WEST...

OH MAN...LOOKS LIKE BOSS-MAN IS GOING THROUGH HIS SOB STORY AGAIN.
!!!
ぐぐぐ…
プリ
プリ
DOES HE KNOW HOW SERIOUS THIS IS?
OH MAN... THIS DOES NOT LOOK GOOD...
...WITH THAT THING ON THE BOMB, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN DISARM IT.
WELL THEN... WHY DON'T WE FIND SOMETHING ELSE THAT WEIGHS ABOUT THE SAME AND SLIDE IT ON IN THE FREAK'S PLACE?
10kg
Switch
THAT'S A TERRIBLE IDEA! THE MOVEMENT WOULD DEFINITELY TRIGGER THE DETONATOR.
IT'S GOTTA BE SAFER THAN HAVING A LIVE, POSSIBLY TWITCHY, ANIMAL ON THERE.
I DON'T SEE YOU COMIN' UP WITH ANY BETTER IDEAS!
ぷりっ
PUUN
WHAT IF WE JUST TIED IT DOWN AND HOT-TROTTED IT OUT OF HERE?
jiggle
UM, TO WHERE? DUDE, WHERE WOULD WE GO?
WE'RE ON TOP OF A TRAIN.
ガタン
ゴトン
MMGAWW!
びくん

MAN, WHAT A GREAT GUY! CRYING FOR SOMEONE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW!
ぐももも…
ひっく…
ひっく
ひ…ん…
THAT'S THE MOST DEPRESSING STORY I'VE EVER HEARD!
ENH. I'LL LIVE.
THAT'S RIGHT, MAN. PRESS ON!
DUDE.. THANKS FOR SPILLING YOUR GUTS, BUT I THINK PLUE AND I BETTER GET BACK TO OUR FRIENDS DOWN IN THE PASSENGER CAR.
WHAT?!
NO! BUT--BUT--YOU CAN'T! I STILL NEED TO TELL **PLUE** MY STORY, TOO!
PLUE?
SO WHAT'S THE VERDICT? DID YOU GET IT ALL FIXED?
ササッ
UH, WE'RE IN MONDO TROUBLE, BOSS.
GAH! DO I HAVE TO THINK OF **EVERYTHING?** WE JUST SLIDE A WEIGHT ON AND--
DUH. THE PROBLEM IS, THE MOVEMENT WILL SET IT OFF.
THEN WE'LL JUST SECURE HIM TO THE DEVICE AND HIGHTAIL IT OUT OF HERE.
SIR, UM, WE'RE ON TOP OF A TRAIN.
くら…

BUT WE HAVE *PATIENCE,* MY BOYS! PATIENCE WILL SEE US THROUGH. WE JUST NEED TO WAIT IT OUT.
I KNOW! WE SHOULD CARRY OUT THE PLAN!
YES, SIIIR!
HEY, KID! MY LACKI-- ER, **BUDDIES** AND I ARE GOING TO PLAY A LITTLE GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK. YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES AND COUNT TO 100!
UM, THANKS BUT I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE PLAYING GAMES RIGHT NOW...
C'MON, MAN! IT'LL BE FUN!
ゴゴ
JUST SHUT YOUR EYES AND COUNT TO 100! DON'T MOVE WHILE YOU'RE COUNTING! ESPECIALLY **YOU**, PLUE!
FI... FINE, I GUESS ONE QUICK GAME...
PLUE! HERE'S SOME ROOT BEER! YOU LIKE ROOT BEER, DON'T YOU? NOW YOU BEHAVE LIKE A GOOD DOGGY!
PUUN
SMART THINKING, BOSS-MAN! THIS'LL BUY US ALMOST 2 MINUTES!
YEAH, BOSS! THAT'S QUITE A TRICK YOU PULLED!
OKAY, GUYS... HERE GOES.
OOONE... TWOOO...
PUUN
PUUN
HEH HEH HEH
EVERYBODY SET? REMEMBER, WE STICK UP THE CONDUCTOR, GRAB THE CASH, AND DIVE INTO THE OCEAN!
I LOVE IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER!
FIIIVE, SIIIIIX...

WHAT'S OUR TIME LOOKING LIKE?
WE HAVE ABOUT 90 SECONDS, SIR.
ALRIGHTY, THEN! OFF TO THE CONDUCTOR'S OFFICE!
THE JIGGLE BUTT GANG IS ON THE PROWL!
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BO-BOSS... YOU KNOCKED SOMEONE OUT, SIR.
BAH! IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE BOY SCOUTS! WE'RE A GANG!
OUCH...
Huh? What?

I SAID, "OUCH." AS IN, THAT HURT, YOU JERK.
CRACK
AAAAAAAAAAH
WE ARE TOTALLY MESSED, SIR!
AIIIIEEE! HE'S CHASING US!
C'MON, WE'LL FIND A PASSENGER COMPARTMENT TO STORM! DOESN'T MATTER WHICH ONE!
IT'LL GIVE US SOMEONE TO ROB AND SOMEWHERE TO HIDE OUT!
EXCUSE US!!

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WHY YOU...
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Huh?

PERVEEEERTS!!!
AAAAAAGH!
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WHAT THE HECK IS THAT GIRL'S PROBLEM AND WHAT'S SHE DOING WITH THAT KIND OF WEAPON?
AND WHY'S SHE PUTTIN' US IN HER CROSS-HAIRS?!
LET'S JUST GET OUT OF HERE!
WE CAN'T GO BACK THAT WAY! THE GUY WITH THE PIERCED FOREHEAD'S BLOCKING IT OFF!
HIGH TAIL IT TO THE CABOOSE! WE DON'T GOTTA LOT OF TIME BEFORE THAT BOMB GOES OFF! THE PLAN'S OFF! SAVE YOUR BUTTS GET OUT OF HERE!
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HOW MANY SECONDS?!
ABOUT TEN SECONDS LEFT, BOSS!
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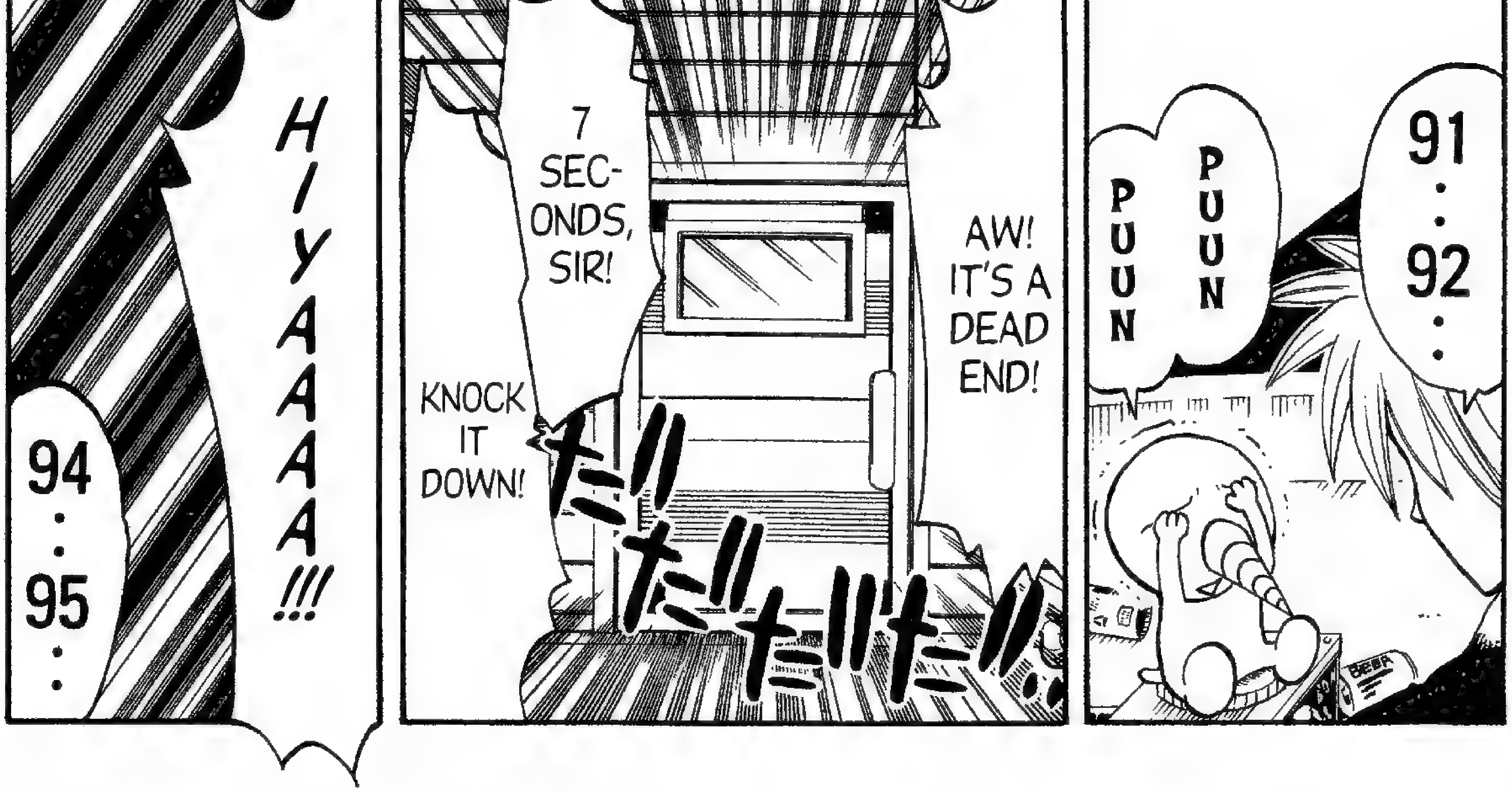
91... 92...
PUUN PUUN
AW! IT'S A DEAD END!
7 SEC-ONDS, SIR!
KNOCK IT DOWN!
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HIYAAAAA!!!
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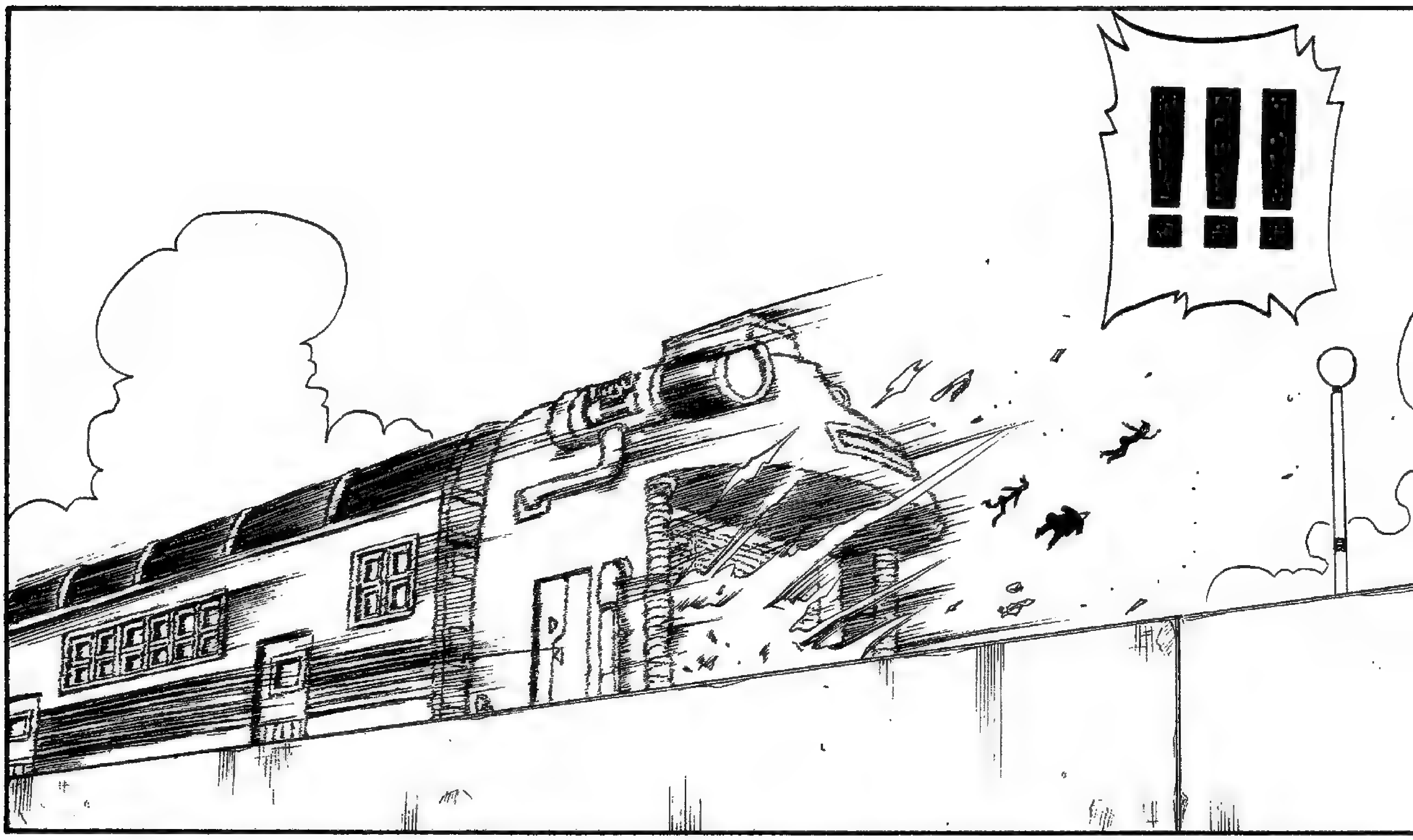
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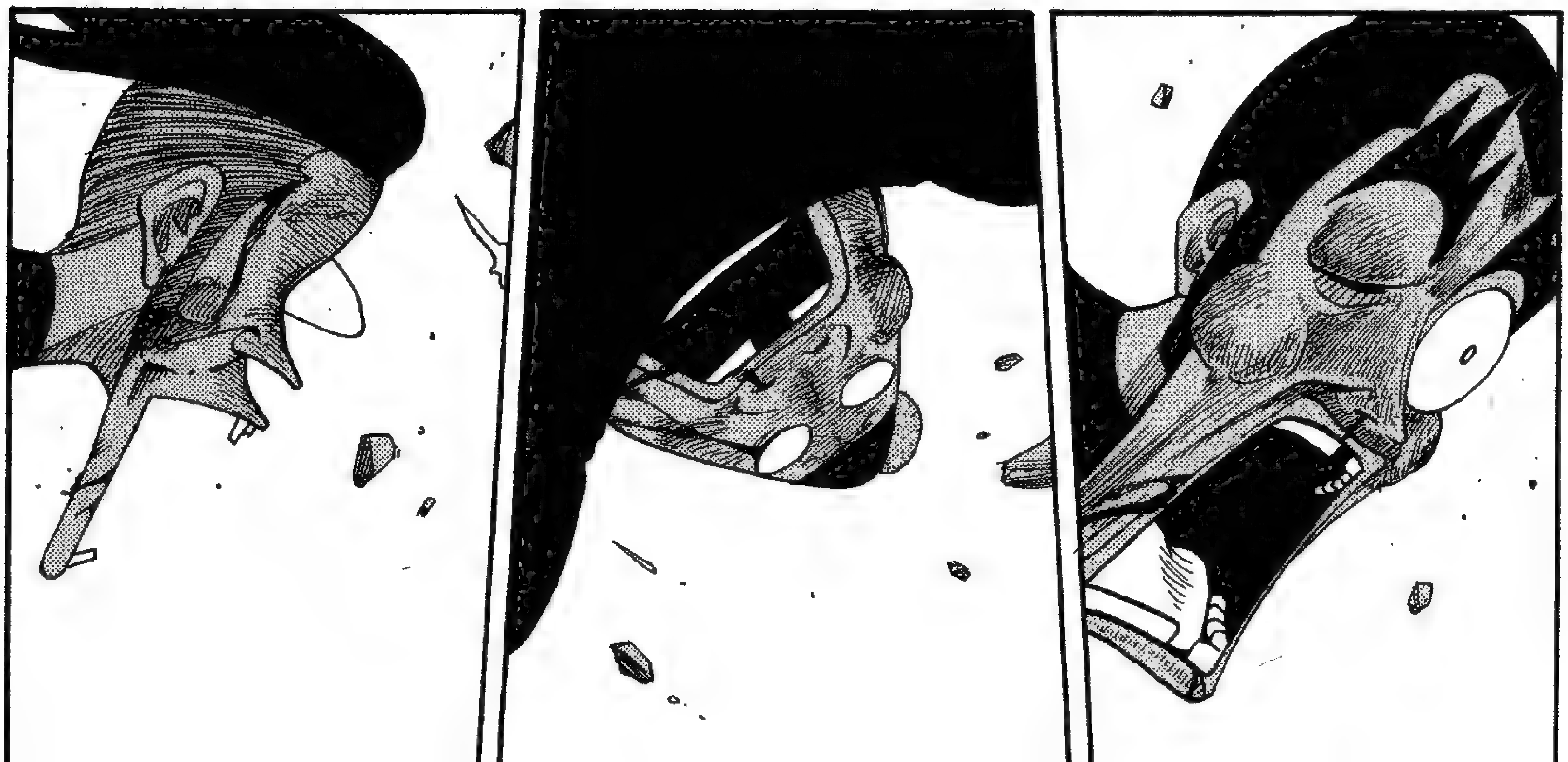

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ONE HUNDRED !!
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READY OR NOT ...!
BOSS! IT'S BEEN 100 SECONDS, SIR!
WELL! IT WAS NICE KNOWING YOU FOLKS!
UWAAAAAAAAH!
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OKAY, PLUE! LET'S FIND 'EM!
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BEE-BEEP
THE SECOND THAT CRAZY THING MOVES, WE'RE ALL GOING UP IN A BIG BALL OF FIRE!
BEE-BEE-BEE-BEE-BEE-BEEP
AAAAAAH!
Hmm.
SORRY IT HAD TO GO DOWN LIKE THIS...

OH, MAN, PLUE! COULDN'T YOU HOLD IT?
You need to go easy on the juice, man.
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SIGH... WHATEVER KIND OF MACHINE THIS WAS, IT'S RUINED NOW...
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MAN, THOSE GUYS ARE GOING TO BE TICKED! THEY WERE SO NICE TO YOU! NICE, PLUE. REAL NICE.
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PUUUUN
WAIT UP! YOU CAN'T JUST TAKE OFF!
HA HA HA HA HA...
PUUN!!

SIR, UM, WE'RE STILL HERE. THE BOMB HASN'T GONE OFF...
......
OH MAN, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
THE BREAST STROKE! THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO!
GET READY TO GET WET, BOYS!
YEEEES! THIS IS TOTALLY SWEET!!
RIGHT BEHIND YOU, BOSS!
ALL RIGHT, THEN! DON'T FORGET TO HOLD YOUR NOSES! WATCH OUT! HERE COMES THE JIGGLE BUTT GANG! DASTARDLY PLOTTERS EXTRAORDINAIRE!
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プリプリっ!
THIS STINKS. SOME STRANGE OLD DUDE BARGED IN ON ME WHILE I WAS CHANGING!
I WAS IN THE WRONG CABIN...
THAT'S NOTHING! SOME STRANGE OLD MAN SMACKED ME WITH A DOOR!
Can you see the bruise?

HA HA HA!! I MET A WEIRD OLD DUDE, TOO.
HE WANTED TO PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK, BUT WHEN I FINISHED COUNTING, HE HAD DISAPPEARED!! HEH. MAYBE HE'S STILL HIDING SOMEWHERE. HA!
MAN, THIS TRAIN'S LIKE A GERIATRIC INSANE ASYLUM.
HA HAHA... YOU GOT THAT RIGHT, GRIFF.
We are approaching--the continent of Luka--We will be arriving in the trade city Elda momentarily.
OH MAN! WE'RE HERE!
LEMME SEE! LEMME SEE!
SO, HARU, WHAT'S THE GAME PLAN?
WE'RE GONNA HEAD FURTHER WEST!
WHY?
I JUST HAVE A HUNCH...
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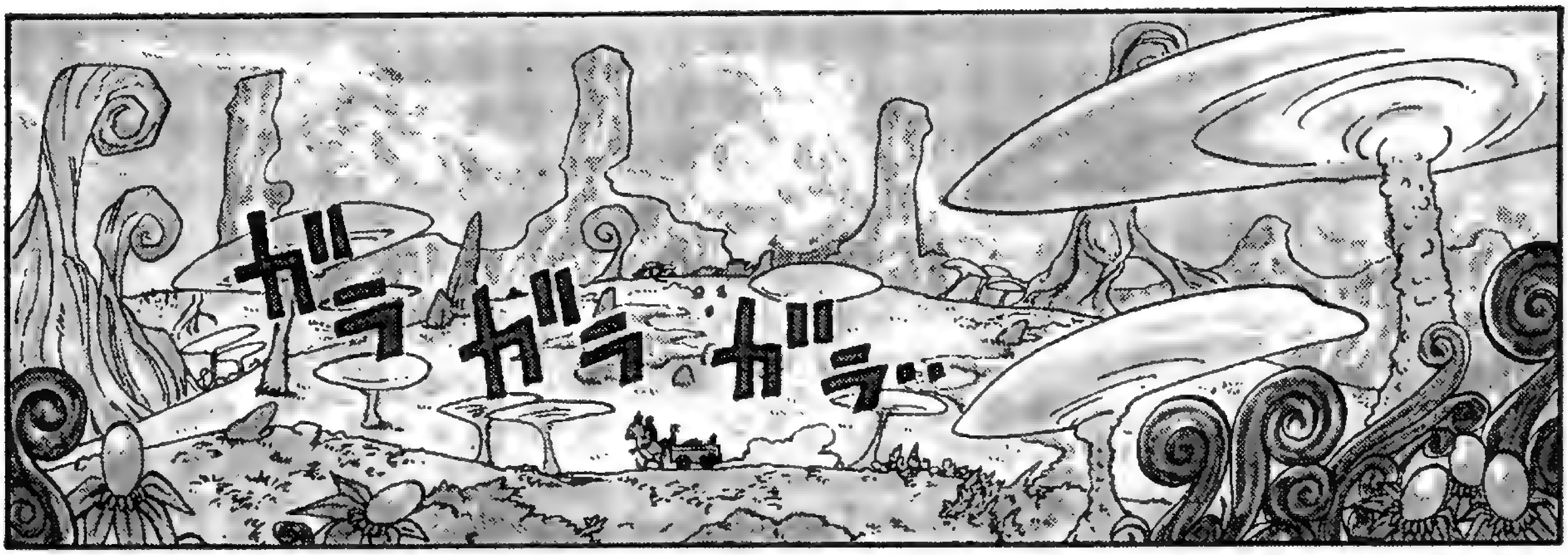
And so, our heroes arrive on the continent of Luka, where the Rave of Combat lies dormant... but while they seek the sleeping Rave, something else lies waiting patiently for them...

RAVE MASTER

RAVE: 50 ✠ CITY IN THE HOLY FORCE FIELD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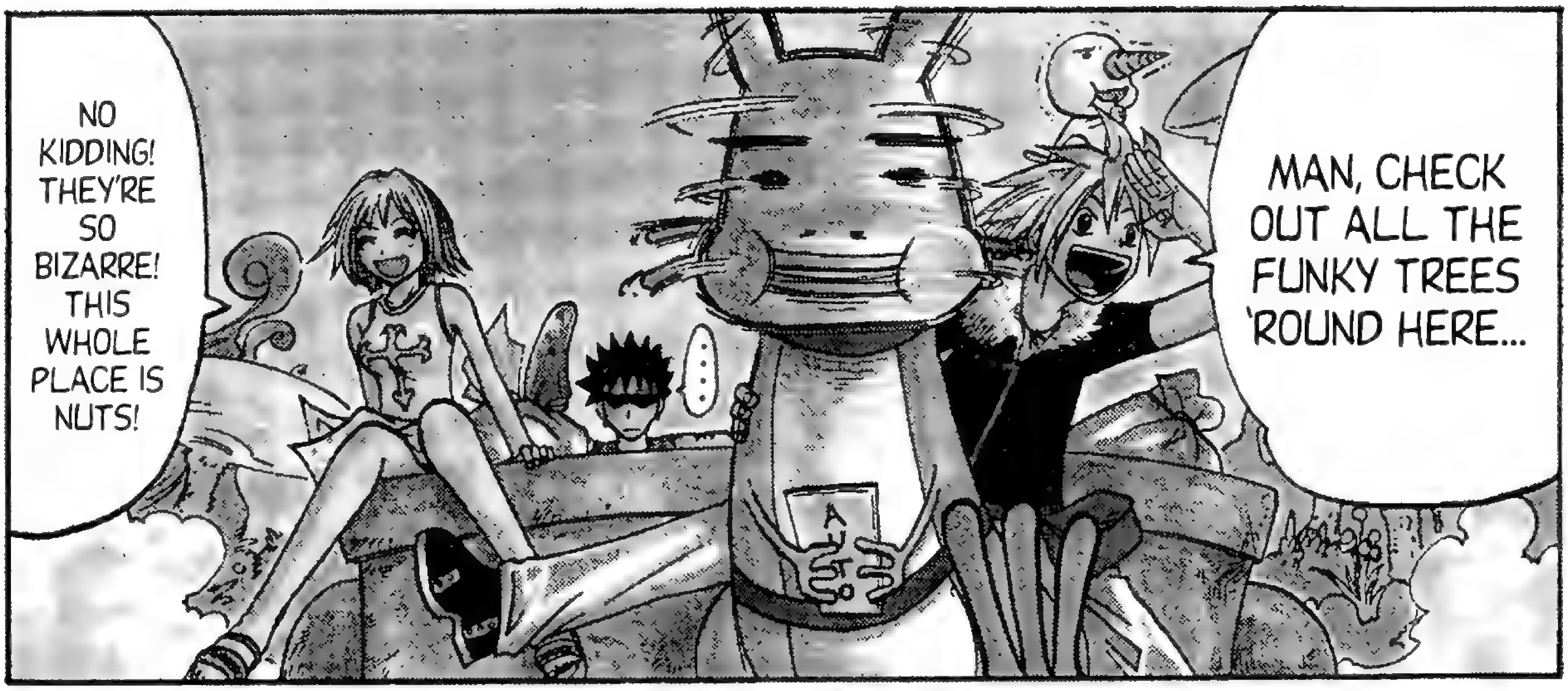
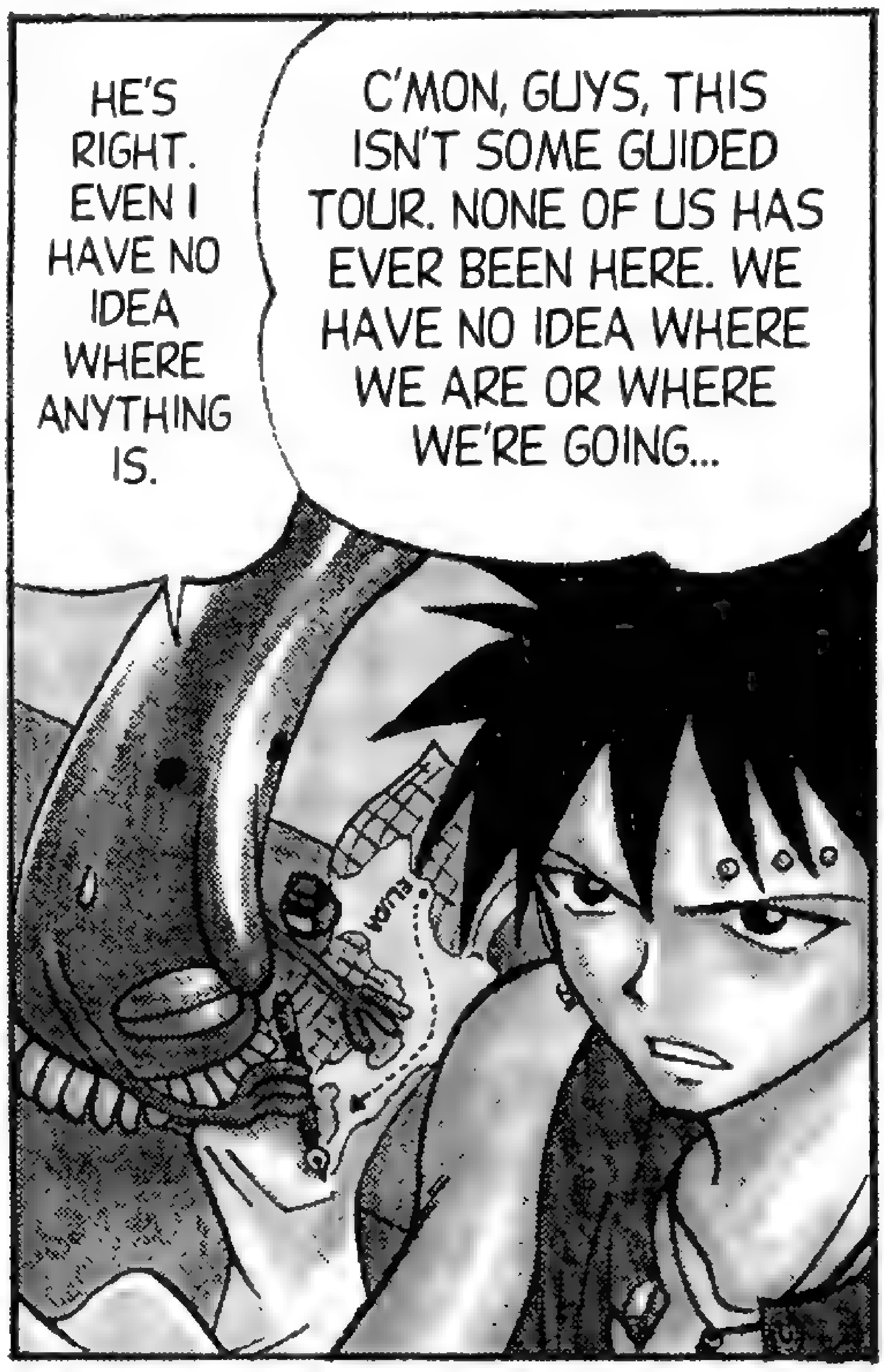
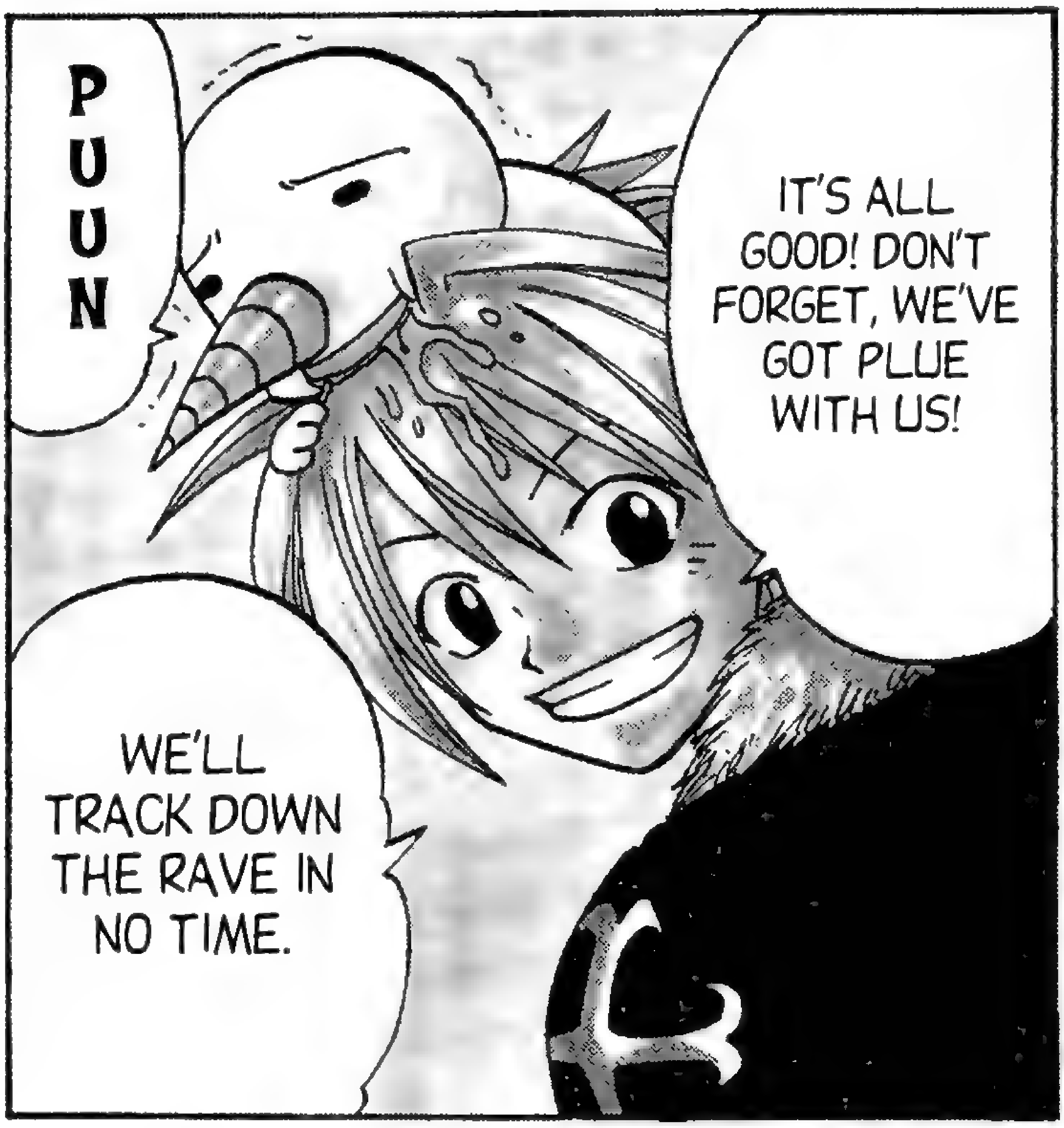

MAN, CHECK OUT ALL THE FUNKY TREES 'ROUND HERE...
...
NO KIDDING! THEY'RE SO BIZARRE! THIS WHOLE PLACE IS NUTS!


C'MON, GUYS, THIS ISN'T SOME GUIDED TOUR. NONE OF US HAS EVER BEEN HERE. WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE WE ARE OR WHERE WE'RE GOING...
HE'S RIGHT. EVEN I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE ANYTHING IS.


IT'S ALL GOOD! DON'T FORGET, WE'VE GOT PLUE WITH US!
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WE'LL TRACK DOWN THE RAVE IN NO TIME.

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RIGHT, LITTLE BUDDY?
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AH!
EWWW, PLUE! YOUR SUCKER IS MELTING ALL OVER EVERYTHING!
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AWW, SNAP! IT'S ALL IN MY HAIR!
ELIE, CAN YOU GIMME A HAND WITH THIS?
WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH YOU?
READY? THIS IS GONNA HURT.
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OKAY!
GYAAAAAAAAA!
OH, MAN, DO I EVEN HAVE ANY HAIR LEFT?!
HERE YOU GO, PLUE! GOOD DOG.
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WAAH!
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WH- WHAT IN THE --??
OW-- OUCH!
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WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING??
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WE'RE SINKING!!
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WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING!
MUSICA, USE YOUR CHAIN!
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ドロ..
IT CAN'T GET A GRIP!
IT'S ALL MELTING AROUND US! EVERYTHING!
WHAT COULD BE DOING THIS? IT'S CRAZY!
IT'S PULLING ME IN!
PLUE!
PUUN
AW, SNAP!

UWAAAAAAAH!
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GASP!!
WH- WHERE... WH- WHAT... H- HOW?!?

WHO WOULD BUILD A WHOLE TOWN UNDERGROUND?
CAFFE
TOWN, SHMOWN! HOW THE HECK DO THEY HAVE A WHOLE SKY WITH CLOUDS AND EVERYTHING?
IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF ILLUSION.
COOOOL. MAN, EVERY TIME I THINK I'VE SEEN IT ALL...
INFIDELS!
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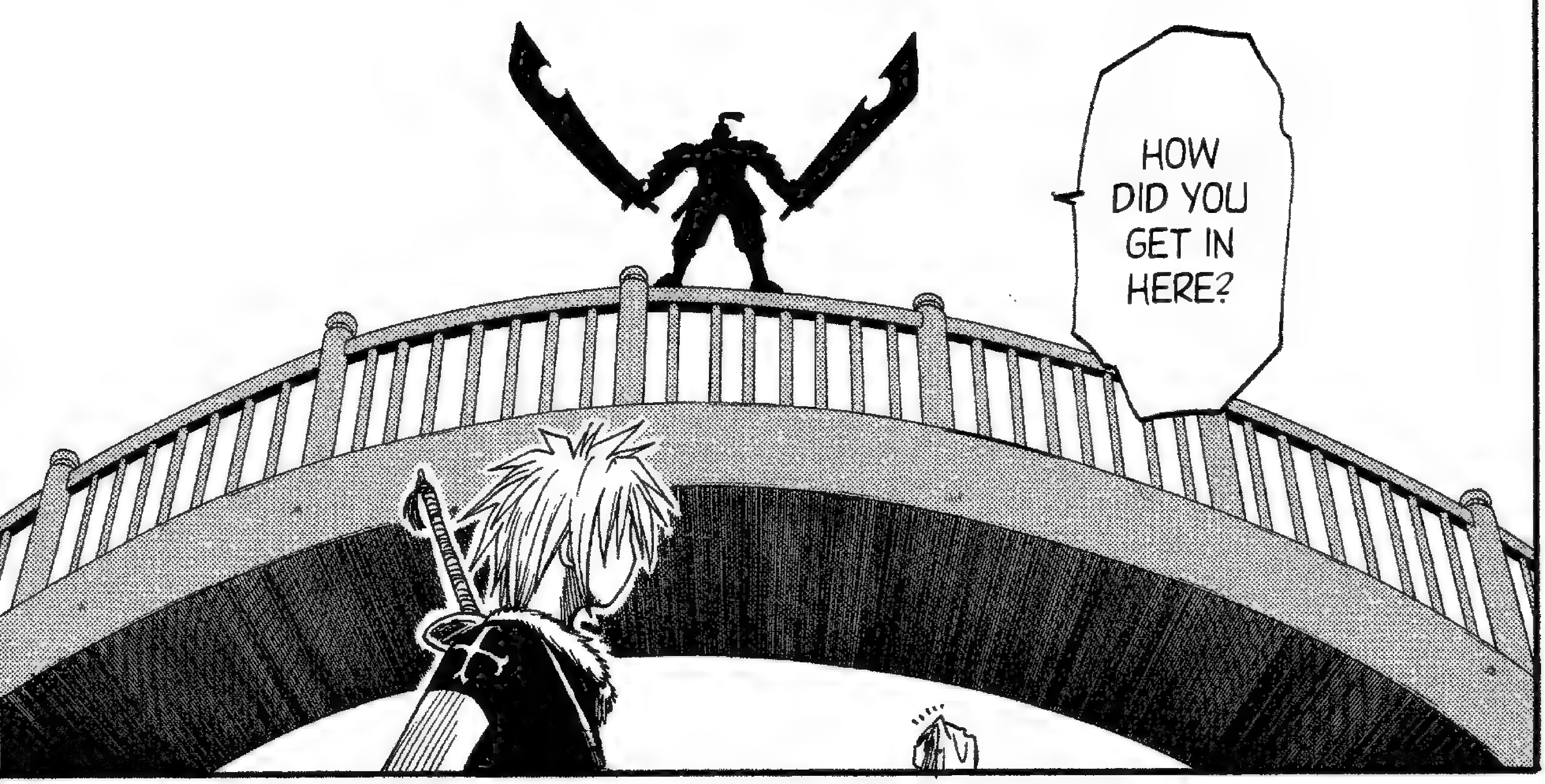
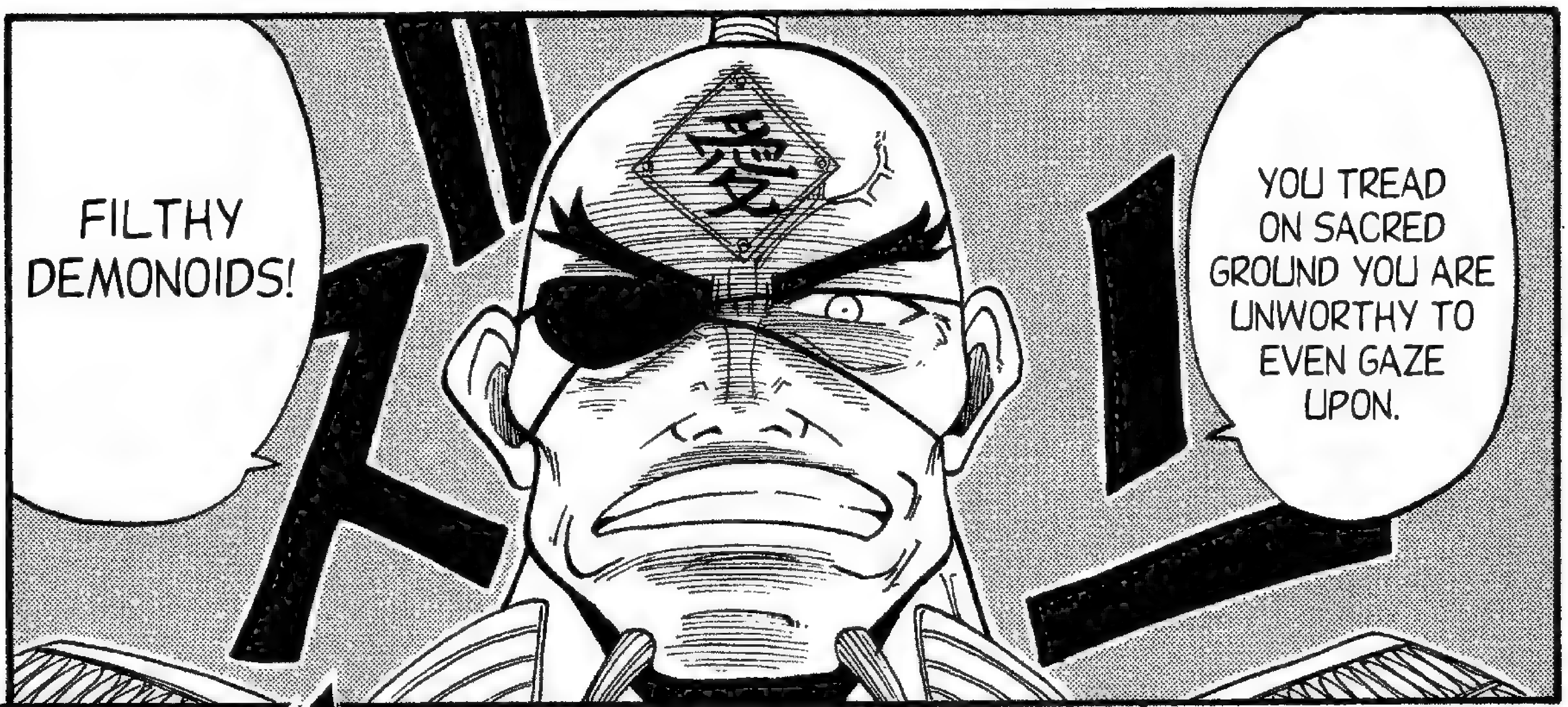

HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?

TATTOO: "LOVE"


YOU TREAD ON SACRED GROUND YOU ARE UNWORTHY TO EVEN GAZE UPON.
FILTHY DEMONOIDS!
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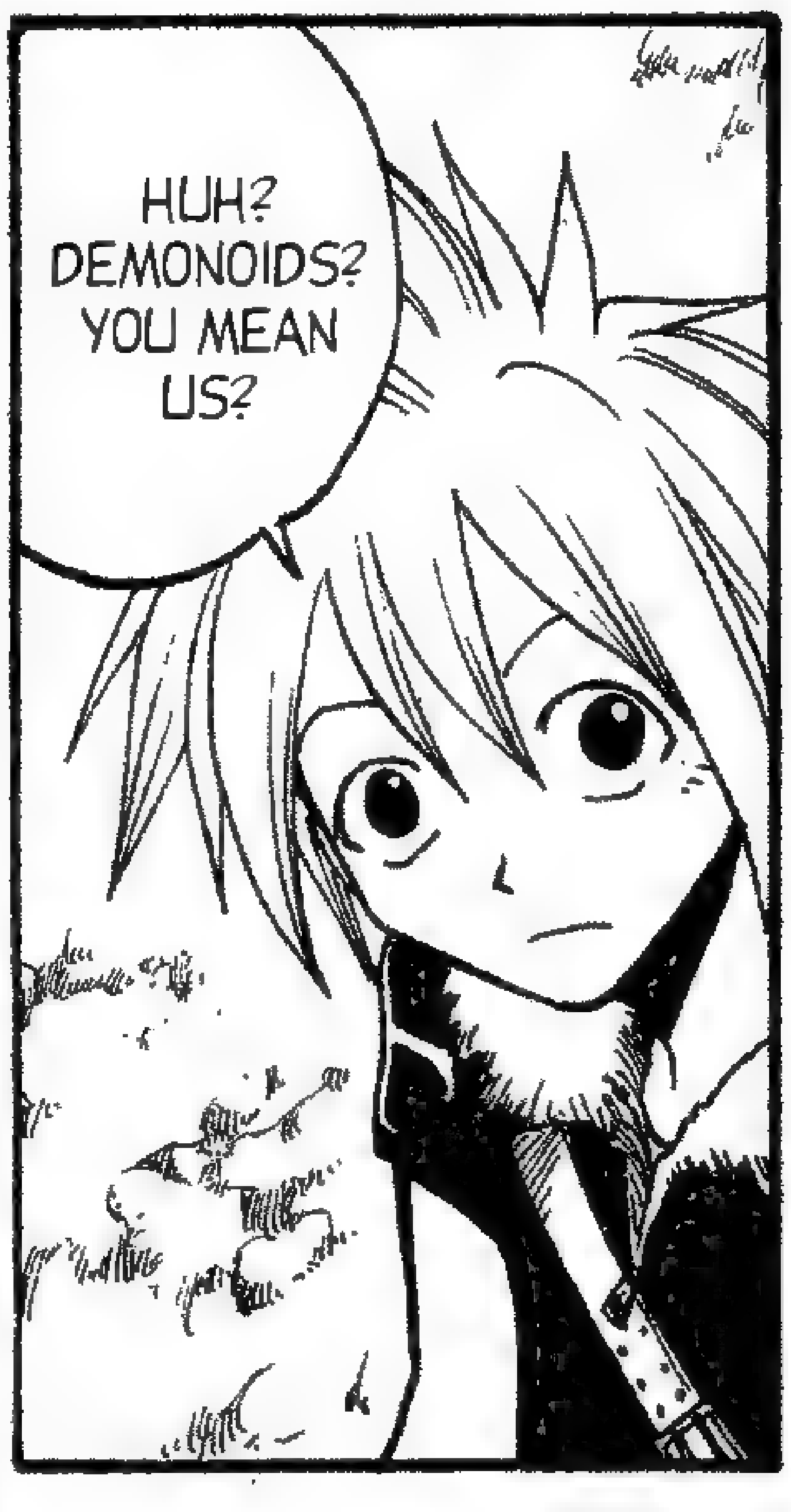
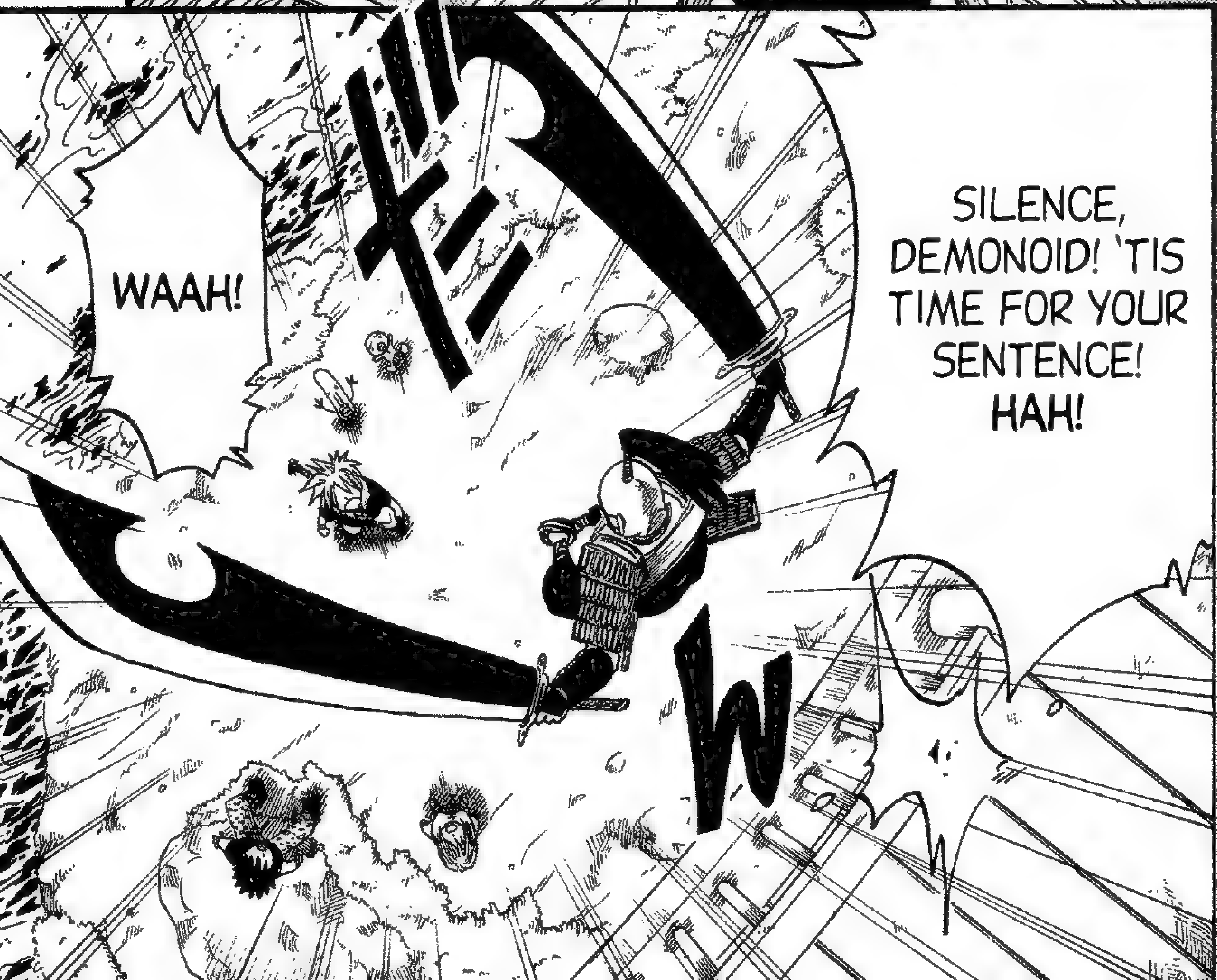

HUH? DEMONOIDS? YOU MEAN US?


SILENCE, DEMONOID! 'TIS TIME FOR YOUR SENTENCE! HAH!
WAAH!

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DIVINE PUNISH-MENT!
MAN, THIS DUDE HAS SOME SERIOUS ISSUES!
DOUBLE BLADE FARE-WELL SLASH!!

NNNRGH
NICE MOVES... FOR A DEMONOID...
DUDE, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BAH! DON'T TRY TO FOOL ME! DOUBLE BLADE BANZAI SLASH!!
HEY!! I'M TALKIN' HERE!!
FUA... THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH. THESE TRAVELERS ARE NOT DEMONOIDS.
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SOLASIDO.
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LOOK AT THEM. THEY'RE CLEARLY HUMAN.

SORRY ABOUT THAT, FOLKS...
...ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
Name
SOLASIDO
LATELY OUR GUARDS HAVE BEEN RATHER SINGLEMINDED... "PROTECT LADY REMI FROM THE DEMONOIDS." THEY DON'T KNOW MUCH ELSE.
PLEASE DO FORGIVE HIS... ZEALOUSNESS.

DEMON-OIDS...
...WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THEY ARE!
FIRST, WELCOME TO THE UNDERGROUND CITY OF RABARRIER. OUR FAIR CITY IS PROTECTED BY THE HOLY FORCE FIELD CREATED BY LADY REMI.
DEMONOIDS ARE FROM THE UNDERWORLD. THEY SOMETIMES ATTACK US HERE... WITH HOPES OF DESTROYING LADY REMI...
HUH. I GUESS I GET IT...SO YOU JUST MISTOOK US FOR DEMONOIDS?
UMPH... ACTUALLY, WHEN I SAW THESE TWO HERE, I...
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SO, THIS LADY REMI...
...SHE PROTECTS YOU WITH THIS HOLY FORCE FIELD THING, RIGHT? SO HOW DO THESE DEMONOIDS EVEN GET IN HERE?
UNFORTUNATELY... LADY REMI'S FORCE FIELD IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE.
LATELY, RANDOM HOLES HAVE BEEN POPPING UP, LIKE THE ONE THAT BROUGHT YOU ALL HERE.

THE DEMONOIDS USE THOSE HOLES TO BREAK IN AND ATTACK US.
WE MUST REPORT THIS LATEST BREACH IN THE BARRIER TO LADY REMI AT ONCE.
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IMPOSSIBLE!
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MORE DEMONOIDS!!
CAFEE
BLACK STAR

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YOU THOUGHT WE WERE **THOSE**?!
I KNEW THEY'D COME!!
TH-THEY'RE FLYING.
WHOA. HOW CAN THERE BE SO MANY?
SOLASIDO!! YOU ARE IN NO CONDITION FOR BATTLE! I SHALL HANDLE THIS ON MY OWN!!
DON'T BE FOOLISH...IT'S MY DUTY AND HONOR AS A KNIGHT TO SERVE AND, IF NEED BE, **DIE** FOR LADY REMI.

COME, DEMONOIDS ...
... TASTE MY HOLY CROSS!
YOUNG FRIENDS, TAKE COVER!!
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WHADDAYA THINK...
HARU?

BLASTED DEMONOIDS! IT IS JUDGMENT DAY FOR YOU AND YOUR KIND!
FOR EVERY ONE WE TAKE DOWN, TWO MORE APPEAR...
...I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY IN ONE ATTACK GROUP!
DAMN...IF ONLY I WAS AT FULL STRENGTH...
REGARDLESS, WE MUST PROTECT THE LADY AT ALL COSTS!
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THESE STRANGERS... THEY'RE AMAZING!
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I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH SKILLED FIGHTERS!
I WONDER IF...IT CAN'T BE...
OH, MAN, I AM SO GLAD YOU GUYS SHOWED UP. YOU SAVED OUR HIDES!
HA HA HA. NO PROBLEM.
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IT WAS REALLY NOTHING...
ELIE, YOU DIDN'T EVEN LIFT A FINGER!

IT'S ALL CLEAR NOW.
IT IS BY OUR LADY'S WILL THAT YOU HAVE ARRIVED AT OUR FAIR CITY...
...RAVE MASTER.
WHA--?
THE RAVE MASTER?!
DOES THIS LADY REMI HAVE SOME KIND OF CONNECTION TO RAVE?
SHE MOST CERTAINLY DOES...

LADY REMI IS A DESCENDANT OF THE FOUR KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET HER?
HUH?
FATE HAS BROUGHT YOU TO US!
WITH YOU AT OUR SIDE, WE MAY FINALLY HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BEAT HIM...
...THE GENERAL OF THE DEMONOID ARMY...

GALE.
......!!
MY... MY DAD?!

UM, HARU, ISN'T GALE YOUR DAD'S NAME...?
IT'S GOTTA BE A COINCIDENCE! THERE'S NO WAY MY OLD MAN COULD BE ONE OF THE BAD GUYS!
I'M SURE YOU'RE RIGHT.
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Above ground... Somewhere on the continent of Luka.
IT'S RE--REALLY Y--YOU...
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GA--GALE GLORY...
WH--WH--WHO'D HAVE GUESSED YOU'D BE HI-HIDING OUT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
W-WE'RE TAKING YOU DOWN...
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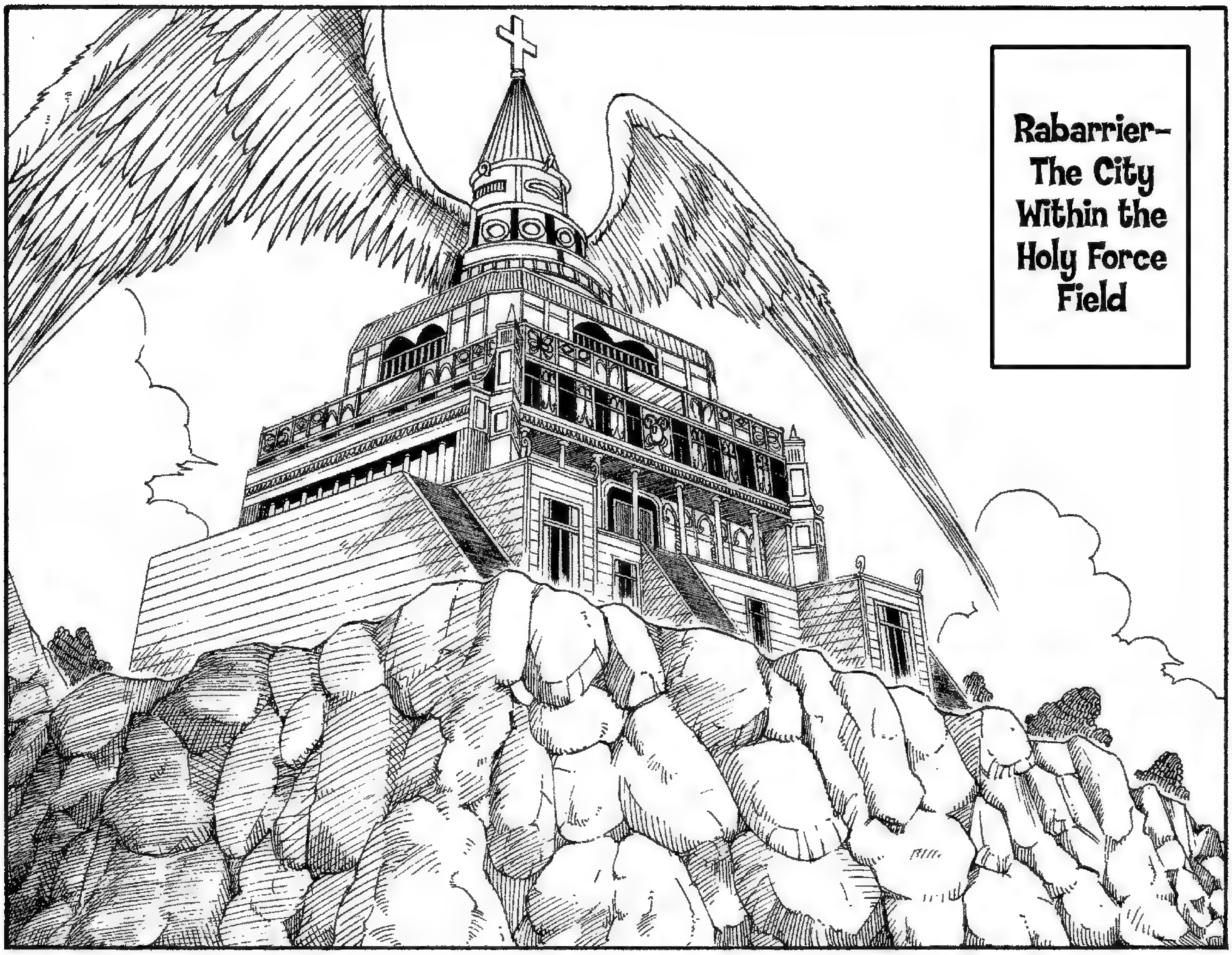
DISAPPEAR...
UWAAAAAAA...
...INTO THE NEVER-ENDING SKY.

Name
GALE GLORY

RAVE MASTER

RAVE: 51 ✚ STEEL DETERMINATION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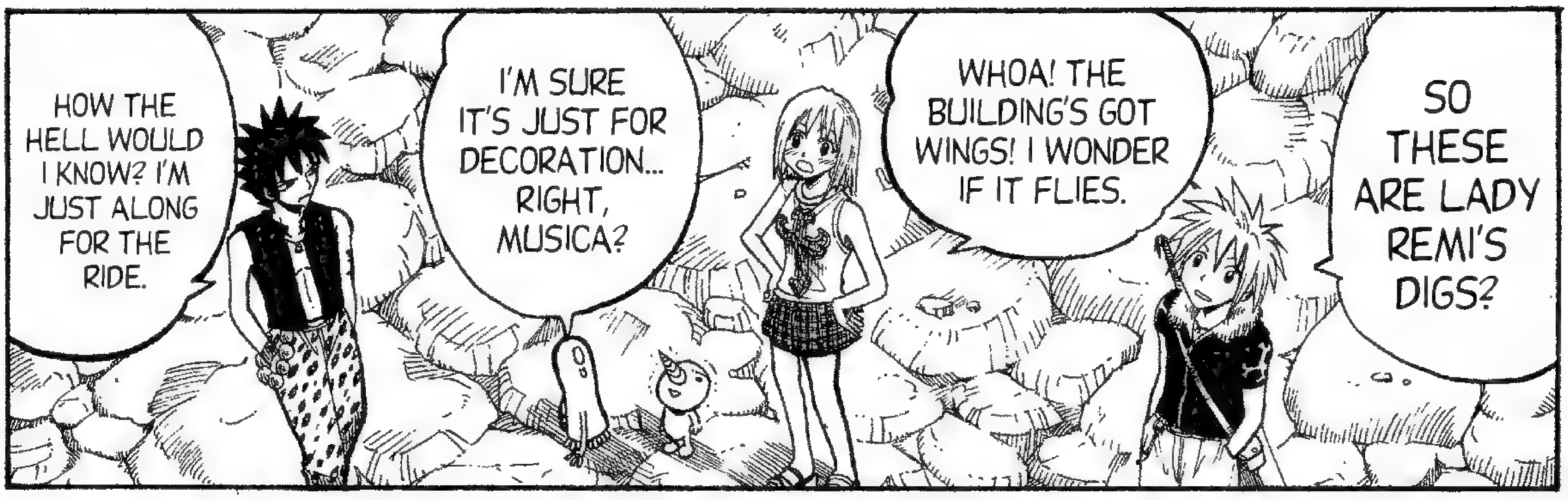
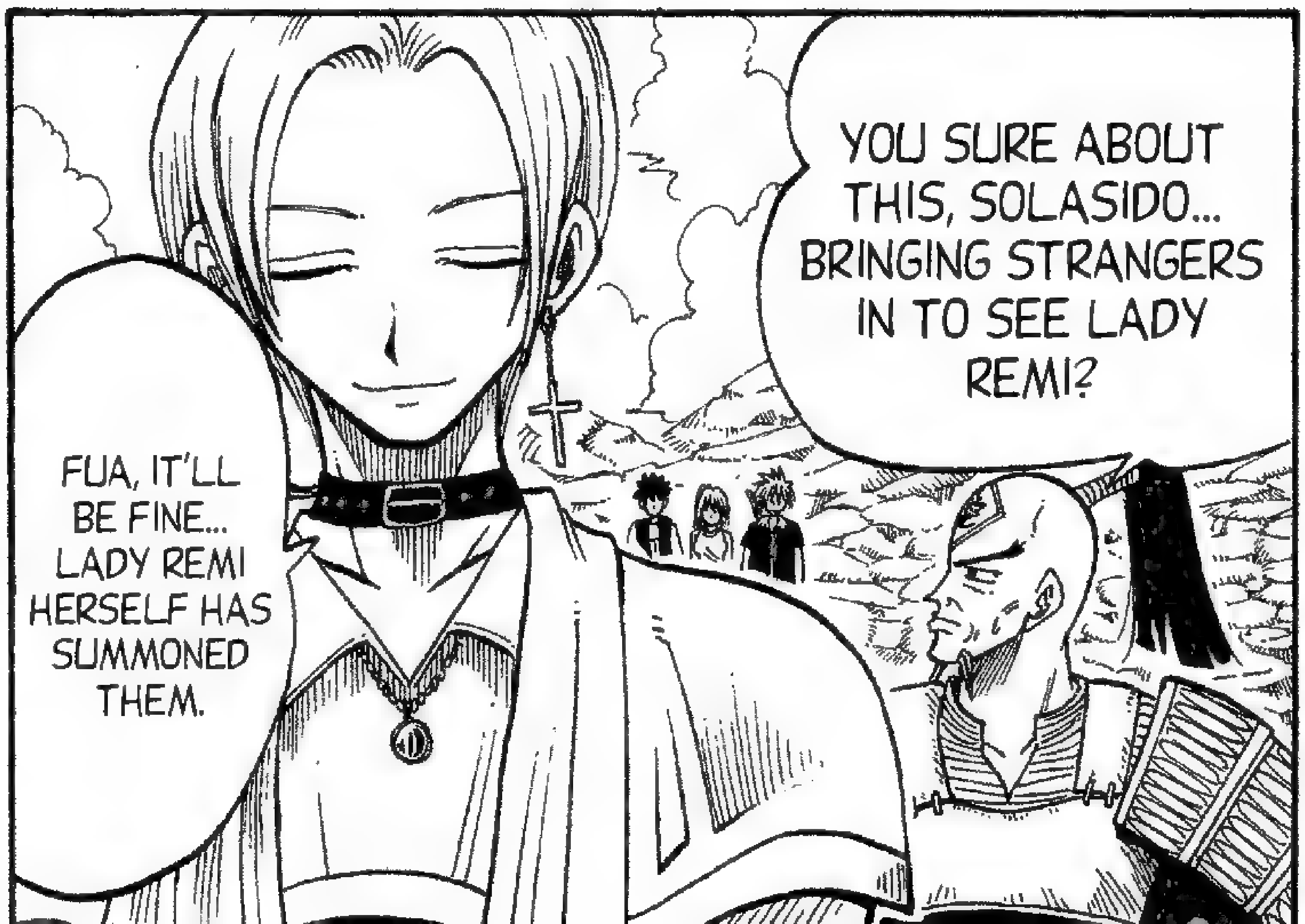
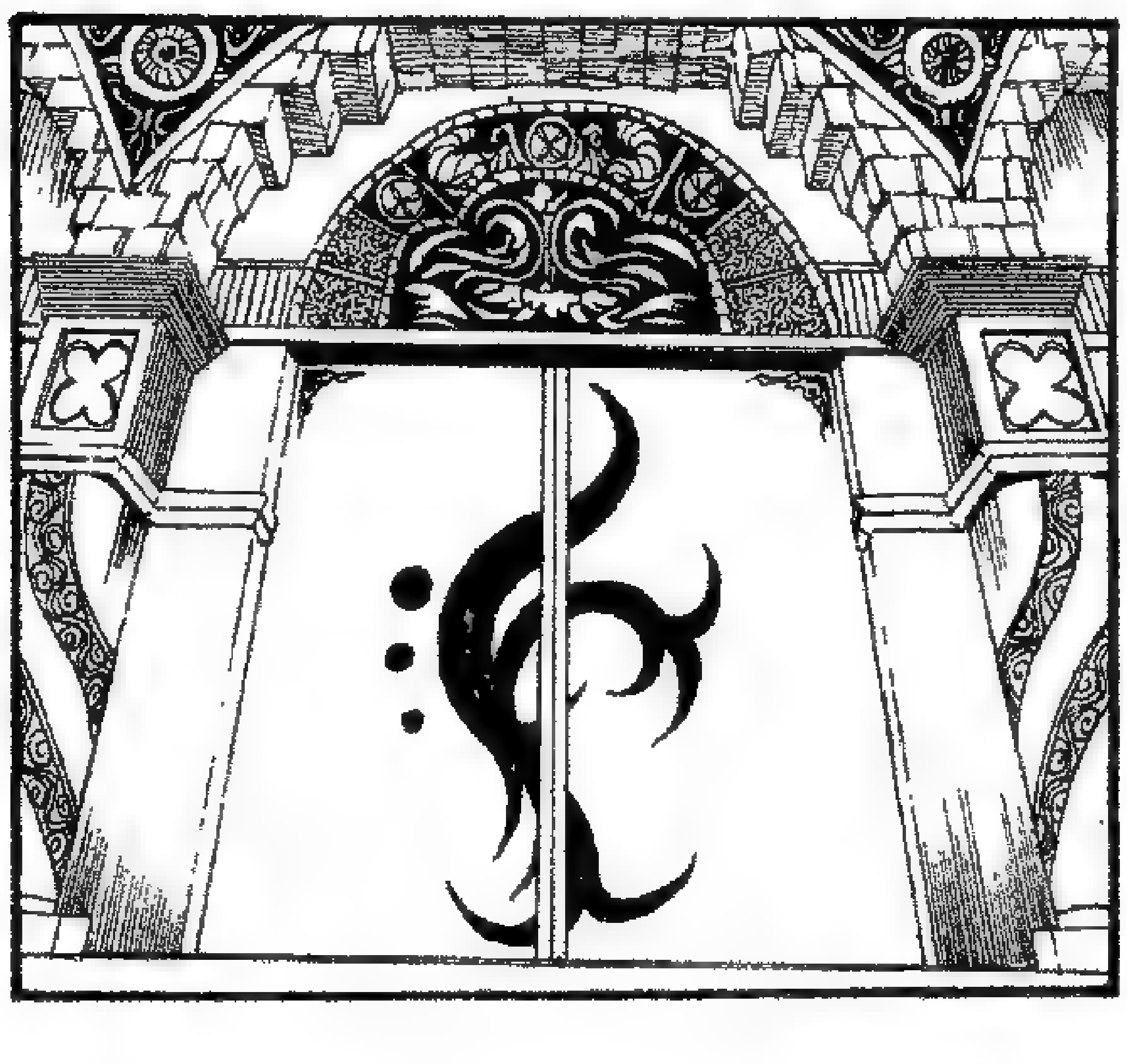

SO THESE ARE LADY REMI'S DIGS?
WHOA! THE BUILDING'S GOT WINGS! I WONDER IF IT FLIES.
I'M SURE IT'S JUST FOR DECORATION... RIGHT, MUSICA?
HOW THE HELL WOULD I KNOW? I'M JUST ALONG FOR THE RIDE.


YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, SOLASIDO... BRINGING STRANGERS IN TO SEE LADY REMI?
FUA, IT'LL BE FINE... LADY REMI HERSELF HAS SUMMONED THEM.



SO YOU'VE FINALLY ARRIVED, RAVE MASTER THE SECOND.
I AM THE LADY REMI MALTESE.
MAIDEN OF THE HOLY FORCE FIELD
REMI MALTESE
THE GRAND-CHILD OF CLEA MALTESE, ONE OF THE FOUR KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY.

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WOW, YOU'RE A BABE, LADY REMI!
HONESTLY, I WAS EXPECTING AN OLD LADY...
HMM...
SHE'S PRETTY YOUNG NOW, BUT IN A FEW YEARS... mumble mumble
CO-COME ON, YOU GUYS. SHOW SOME RESPECT AND BOW ALREADY, WOULD YOU?
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HA HAAA!
MAN, THIS STINKS...
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SHUSH AND BOW YOUR HEAD.
HEY, LAY OFF.
YOU MAY RELAX.
YOUNG AND CHEEKY.

AS YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN TOLD, THE DEMONOIDS HAVE SET THEIR SIGHTS ON OUR CITY.
I AM AFRAID THEY SEEK THE **RAVE OF COMBAT** I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION.
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE RAVE, WE, THE PEOPLE OF RABARRIER, BUILT THIS UNDERGROUND CITY AND PUT UP A HOLY FORCE FIELD TO GUARD IT.
I FEEL TERRIBLE ABOUT PUTTING MY PEOPLE THROUGH ALL THIS...I WAS SURE OUR FORCE FIELD WOULD ENSURE ABSOLUTE SAFETY, BUT ALAS, NOTHING IS PERFECT.
EVER SINCE THE DEMONOIDS FIRST BREACHED THE FIELD AND PINPOINTED OUR LOCATION...
...THE BATTLES HAVE RAGED. BUT OUR WARRIORS...
...THEY ARE SO TIRED. IN HINDSIGHT, BUILDING OUR CITY UNDERGROUND WAS ALMOST LIKE DIGGING OUR OWN GRAVES.
WE HAVE NO PLACE TO RETREAT... IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY TAKE OUR LAST LINE OF DEFENSE...
WHICH BRINGS US TO YOU, AND WHY I SUMMONED SUCH STRONG WARRIORS AS YOURSELVES.

RAVE MASTER, YOU MUST JOIN FORCES WITH SOLASIDO, AND FUA AND THE OTHER HOLY KNIGHTS OF THE FORCE FIELD.
YOU MUST END THIS LONG WAR...YOU MUST WIPE OUT THE DEMONOIDS ONCE AND FOR ALL.
YES OR NO. WILL YOU HELP US?
I "MUST"? GEEZ, SISTER, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
YEAH, WHAT HE SAID.
FINE, I'LL DO IT! JUST GIMME THE RAVE FIRST.
I CANNOT.
NOT YET.

AND WHY THE HECK NOT? YOU **DO** HAVE IT, DON'T YOU?
WATCH YOUR TONGUE, BOY! THE LADY DEMANDS YOUR RESPECT.
IT MATTERS NOT.
EVERYTHING HAS A PRICE... I WONDERED WHAT HERS WAS.
I SIMPLY CANNOT RELINQUISH THE RAVE.
HEY, HEY! QUESTION!
DO THOSE MONSTERS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH DC?
I mean, they are after the Rave, right?
DC?
SHE'S TALKING ABOUT DEMON CARD...
DEMON CARD...I AM... UNFAMILIAR.
YES, WHAT IS THIS "DEMON CARD"?
WAIT, YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF DEMON CARD?
MAN... YOU **HAVE** BEEN DOWN HERE FOR A WHILE. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START...
DC IS THIS MASSIVE GLOBAL ORGANIZATION THAT USES POWERFUL DARK BRINGS TO EXPLOIT AND TERRORIZE PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD...

...DEMON CARD... A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION WITH MANY DARK BRINGS.
I SEE...A LOT HAS CHANGED IN THE WORLD ABOVE US...
THERE ARE RUMORS THAT THE DEMONOIDS' LEADER, GALE, POSSESSES A POWERFUL OBJECT CALLED A "DARK BRING."
MAYBE THERE IS A CONNECTION TO THIS "DEMON CARD" THING AFTER ALL.
GALE'S BRUTE STRENGTH AND CAPACITY FOR EVIL ARE ASTONISHING. HE KILLS WITHOUT HESITATION OR REMORSE.
BUT WITH YOUR WARRIOR SKILLS AND OUR REMAINING KNIGHTS, WE MAY JUST STAND A CHANCE AFTER ALL.
GALE...THAT WAS HARU'S DAD'S NAME...

OUR NEWEST BATCH OF INTELLIGENCE LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT GALE IS EN ROUTE TO THE THE TOWER OF DIN... THIS IS IT.
IF WE DON'T MAKE A STAND AGAINST HIM THERE, WE MAY NOT HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE AT HIM OR FOR VICTORY...
...YOU MUST HELP US, RAVE MASTER.
YOU REALLY ARE OUR LAST CHANCE, YOUNG ONES.
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WITH YOU, GALE WILL BE DEFEATED.

UM, THANKS... BUT NO THANKS.
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WH-WHAT?
I CANNOT GIVE YOU THE RAVE UNLESS YOU DO THIS.

SO, YOU CHOOSE NOT TO HELP US...
...YOU'RE A COWARD. YOU DON'T DESERVE THE TITLE OF RAVE MASTER.
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HARU...WHY? WHY WON'T YOU HELP US?
HOLD ON! YOU CAN'T JUST WALK OUT!
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WHAT'S THE MATTER? HARU...
HE'S... ACTING STRANGE... EVEN FOR HIM.
HARU!! WAIT UP!!
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OKAY, YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?
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I HONESTLY HAVE NO CLUE. WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'S THINKING?
ARE YOU SAYING THIS IS MY FAULT?
Huh?
LADY, I'M NOT SAYING IT'S ANYONE'S FAULT.
There's something bigger going on here.
I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT...BUT I DO KNOW IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT... I THINK.

DON'T WORRY...I'LL GO FIND OUT WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON.
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AND THEN, BABY...
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...MAYBE YOU AND I CAN HAVE A NICE LITTLE TALK, JUST THE TWO OF US. OH, AND MAYBE SOME CANDLES AND CHAMPAGNE...
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SLAP!
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KAHAHA... MAN, NO ONE DOWN HERE KNOWS HOW TO TAKE A JOKE...
Why, you!!

I SHOULD HAVE APPROACHED THIS DIFFERENTLY... BEEN MORE DIPLOMATIC.
IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT...
...YOU HANDLED THINGS WITH THE DIGNITY A LADY OF YOUR STATURE SHOULD.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO...?
......
GALE'S GOING TO BE AT THE TOWER OF DIN. THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE...
LEAVE THE RAVE MASTER TO ME.
UNTIL I RETURN, YOU STAY RIGHT THERE, REMI.
ALL RIGHT...
....
HARU!
WHERE'D YOU GO?!

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MISS ELIE! HE IS NOT OVER HERE, EITHER.
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GAH! HARU! IF YOU'RE NOT HERE, JUST TELL ME!
UM, MISS ELIE, HOW WOULD HE DO THAT?
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GAH! SO INCONSIDERATE!
ANY OTHER TIME, HE'D BE YAMMERIN' ON ABOUT HOW, "MY SISTER ALWAYS TOLD ME NEVER TO ABANDON PEOPLE IN NEED"!!
AND WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT HIS SISTER, ANYWAY? I'M THE ONE THAT WINS US ALL OUR MONEY!
MISS ELIE, THE TASK AT HAND, PLEASE.
SIGH———…
HARU…
…WHERE ARE YOU?

The world above... The Tower of Din
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MY FELLOW DEMONOIDS! LISTEN UP! AND LISTEN GOOD!
TODAY WE WELCOME A VERY SPECIAL GUEST!
LORD GALE HIMSELF HAS COME TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE US!
CARETAKER OF THE TOWER OF DIN
GNET

OUR ARMY IS MIGHTY! OUR WILL IS STRONG!
THERE'S ONLY ONE TASK LEFT BEFORE US!!
TODAY IS THE DAY WE WILL **CRUSH** RABARRIER!
MOVE OUT!
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WH- WHAT IS GOING ON? **ANSWER ME!**
LO-LORD GNET.. IT-IT'S A SURPRISE ATTACK... **THEY** ARE ATTACKING **US**.
WH- WHAT?
THE AUDACITY! FEAR NOT, MY LEGIONS!! BARELY 100 OF THEIR KNIGHTS ARE LEFT!!
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SO IS THIS REALLY HIM...?
MY LAME OLD MAN?
WHAT'S THIS?! WHO RIDES WITH THE KNIGHTS?
GLARE
SO... THE BRAVE LAD FACES US ALONE! TEACH HIM THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VALOR AND FOOLISHNESS, MY MEN!

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RAVE MASTER

RAVE:52 ✚ STUPID DAD

C'MON OUT HERE ...
D'N'B
...YOU STUPID OLD MAN!!

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LORD GNET... THE BOY APPEARS TO BE SCREAMING SOMETHING...
BAH! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? KILL HIM!
C'MON, OLD MAN...
MY DAD JUST CAUGHT A FISH THIIIIIS BIG, DUDE.
HMMPH.
MY DAD CAUGHT A WAY BIGGER FISH THAN THAT.
LIAR.
YOU WISH! WANNA COME SEE IT?
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT...YOUR DAD CREEPS ME OUT.
True
HA HA HA HA HA!
CATTLEYA! PLEASE, YOU GOTTA!
NO WAY!

HARU, I BET YOU DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT THE FISH! YOU JUST WANT TO SHOW OFF TO THOSE BOYS, DON'T YOU?
MPH...
WHY WOULD I WASTE TIME WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
OH, C'MON! I JUST WANNA SEE A BIG FISH!
COME ON! CATCH ME A FISH BIGGER THAN THEIR DADS DID!
HA HA HA
GUESS WHAT MY DAD DID TODAY?
SO WHAT?
ざわ ざわ..
CATTELYA DROWNED IN THE OCEAN!
CATTLEYA!!
HARU! COME QUICK!
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CATTLEYA!! WAKE UP!!
HARU!! IT'S OKAY!! SHE'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!! JUST CALM DOWN!!
CATTLEYA!!
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SORRY, HARU...
THE BIG ONE GOT AWAY...
UH... UGH...
... UWUH...
UGH... I-I'M... SORRY...
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DEEP BREATHS, HARU... I'M OKAY.
...REALLY, I'M FINE!
I...I DON'T NEED A STUPID DAD ANYMORE...

AS LONG AS I'VE GOT YOU, SIS!!
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LORD GNET!! HE HAS ALREADY DEFEATED OVER 100 OF OUR SOLDIERS!!
OOOH...
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IMPRES-SIVE...
...YOUR SKILLS ARE QUITE FORMIDABLE, STRANGER.
HOWEVER, WHAT MY MEN LACK IN SKILL, THEY MAKE UP FOR IN VOLUME...
...HOW WILL YOU FARE AGAINST 1000 OF MY SOLDIERS?
SUCH COURAGE. SUCH FOOLISHNESS.
ACTUALLY, YOU REMIND ME QUITE A BIT OF SOMEONE I KNOW...
...NO MATTER!! SOON YOU'LL BE BUT A MEMORY!!
ZAHRSHIPPE!! RISE, O ZAHRSHIPPE!!
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YOU IMBECILE! DON'T ATTACK OUR OWN SOLDIERS!
THE BOY! GET THE HUMAN BOY!!
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RRR RRR RRR RRR RAR
MAN, HE'S HUGE...
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...NOT TO MENTION FAST!
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WH--?!
HAHAHA! ZAHRSHIPPE'S DARK BRING, **SUBMARINE SOIL**, ALLOWS HIM TO SWIM UNDERGROUND AS EASILY AS IF IT WERE OCEAN!! AN INVALUABLE ASSET IN OUR SEARCH FOR THE CITY OF RABARRIER, I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW!!
UGGH!!

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AW, SNAP...
I CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE MY STRENGTH ON THIS LACKEY!
THAT'S MY BOY! FINISH HIM OFF, ZAHRSHIPPE, ONCE AND FOR ALL!
I'VE GOT TO FIND GALE!
IF HE'S MY DAD...
I'VE JUST GOTTA KNOW...

OUTTA MY WAY !!!
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ざわ…
I-IMPOSSIBLE!! HE-HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY DEFEAT ZAHRSHIPPE! HE-HE'S INCREDIBLE!!
OOOO! HE CAN SWIM IN THE GROUND! OOOO! WHO CARES?
ざわ…
HUFF
HE'S GOTTA COME BACK UP FOR AIR SOME-TIME...
HUFF
ざわ
HUFF
STOP HIM! FOR ZAHR-SHIPPE!!
TO THE SOLDIER WHO DEFEATS THIS INFIDEL, I WILL GRANT THE RANK OF GENERAL!!
WE MUST BE WEARING HIM DOWN!!
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TAKE HIM OUT, NOW!

RAAR!
MOVE IT!!
MY DAD IS...
...SOMEWHERE INSIDE THERE...
YOUR DAD LEFT THIS ISLAND...
...TO SEARCH FOR RAVE.
FOR HIM NOT TO CONTACT YOU IN 15 WHOLE YEARS...
...SOMETHING BIG HAD TO HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM.
CAFE TSU
GALE GLORY.
I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM. HE WAS MY FRIEND...

WE MAY BE ABLE TO DEFEAT HIM...
...GALE, THE HEAD OF THE DEMONOID ARMY...
WHO ARE YOU REALLY, DAD, YOU STUPID OLD MAN?!
IS THE ANSWER IN THAT TOWER?!
!!
NOT GOOD...
GUWAAAAAA...
FINALLY! I KNEW WE COULD STOP HIM! HE IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE DEMONOIDS!

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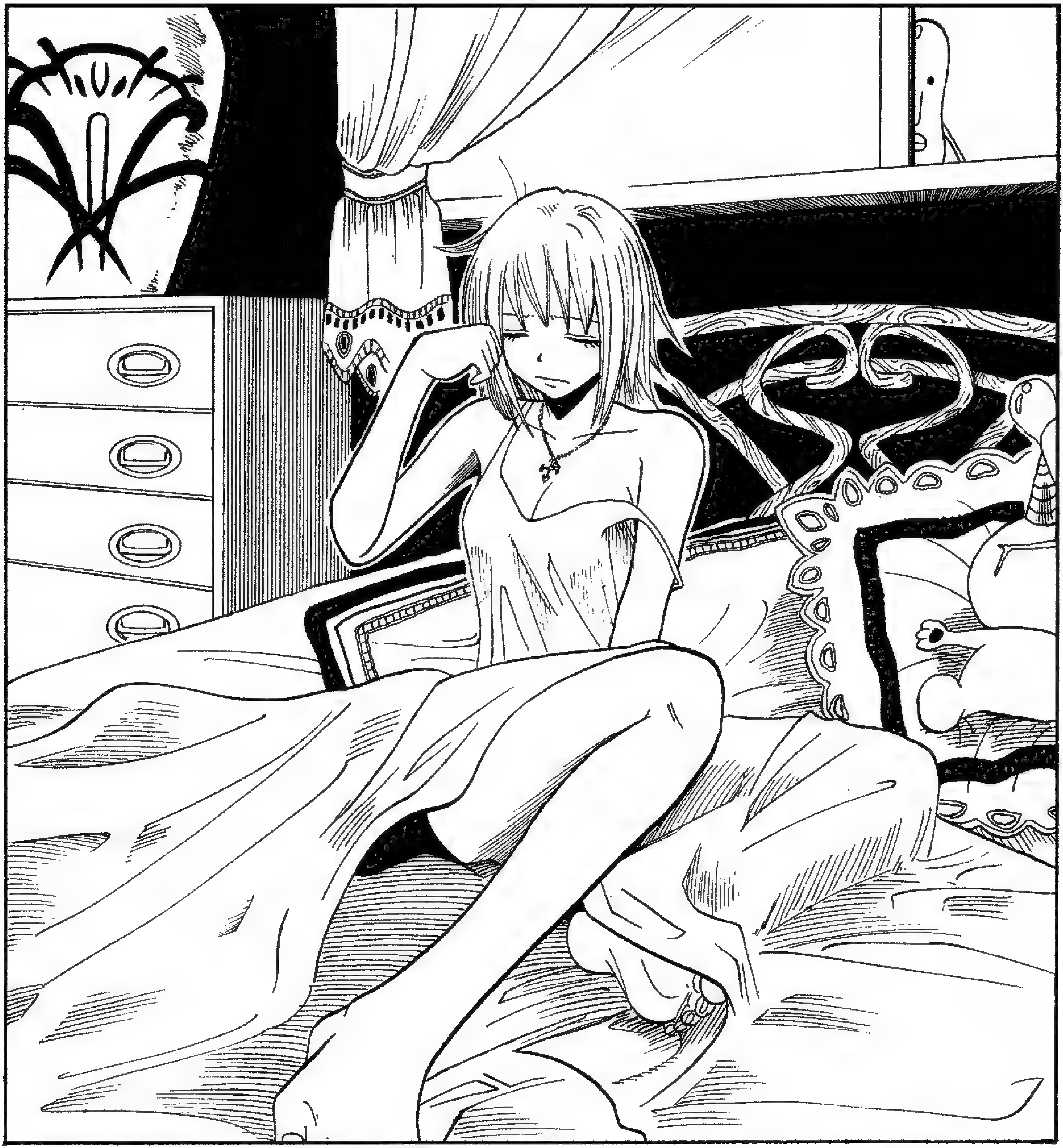
WH-WH-WHAT WAS THAT?
SOUNDED LIKE AN EXPLOSION.
WHAT KIND OF WEAPON COULD HAVE DONE THAT?
I'M SO TIRED OF FIGHTING...
HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF
...I DON'T WANNA THINK MY DAD HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THESE CREEPS!
HE...HE HAS ALREADY TAKEN OUT 500 OF OUR MEN...
NGGEEH... I SEE NO OTHER CHOICE!! CALL IN LORD GALE!!

RAVE MASTER



RAVE: 53 ✚ WANDERING BONDS

CALL IN LORD GALE!!
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DON'T BOTHER.

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I'LL SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE!
GUWAAAAH!
LORD GNET!!
GUGH... DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! JUST STOP HIM, SIHNGAN!
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ALL RIGHT! I'LL TAKE A BITE OUT OF 'IM WITH MY MACHINE GUN TEETH!!
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FWAAAAH!
SIHNGAN!!
EISENMETEOR
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YOU IDIOT!!
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WHA--?
I CANNOT LET YOU INTO THE TOWER OF DIN, YOUNG ONE...YOU WILL JUST HAVE TO PLAY WITH ME UNTIL LORD GALE HIMSELF ARRIVES.

WHA-WHAT'D YOU DO? WHAT'S THE DEAL?!
AW SNAP !!
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FALL TO MY DARK BRING... COMPASS CODE!
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GAAAAH!
HAHA!! MY MAGNETIC FIELD HAS HIM PINNED TO THE GROUND!!
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MAG-NETIC?
YES, MY DARK BRING CONTROLS THE MAGNETIC FIELD IN THE SPACE BETWEEN YOU AND ME!! HAHA!
ゴオオ…
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND "STICKING AROUND"! HAHAHA HAHA!

GUWAAH!
ALL RIGHT, THAT IS IT!

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UH-- UGH...
THAT SWORD... IT CAN'T BE...THAT BOY...
...THE RAVE MASTER...
THIS IS SERIOUS...
...I CANNOT LET HIM CONFRONT LORD GALE!
DAD...
RISE, DEMONOID HORDES!
THIS BOY... MUST NOT REACH LORD GALE ALIVE!
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DESTROY HIM!!

KILL HIM!!
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KILL HIM!!
KILL HIM!!
KILL HIM !!
KILL HIM!!
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GUWAAH!!
HE-- HE BLEW HIMSELF UP...
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MAN, THEY JUST KEEP COMING...HOW MANY ARE THERE?
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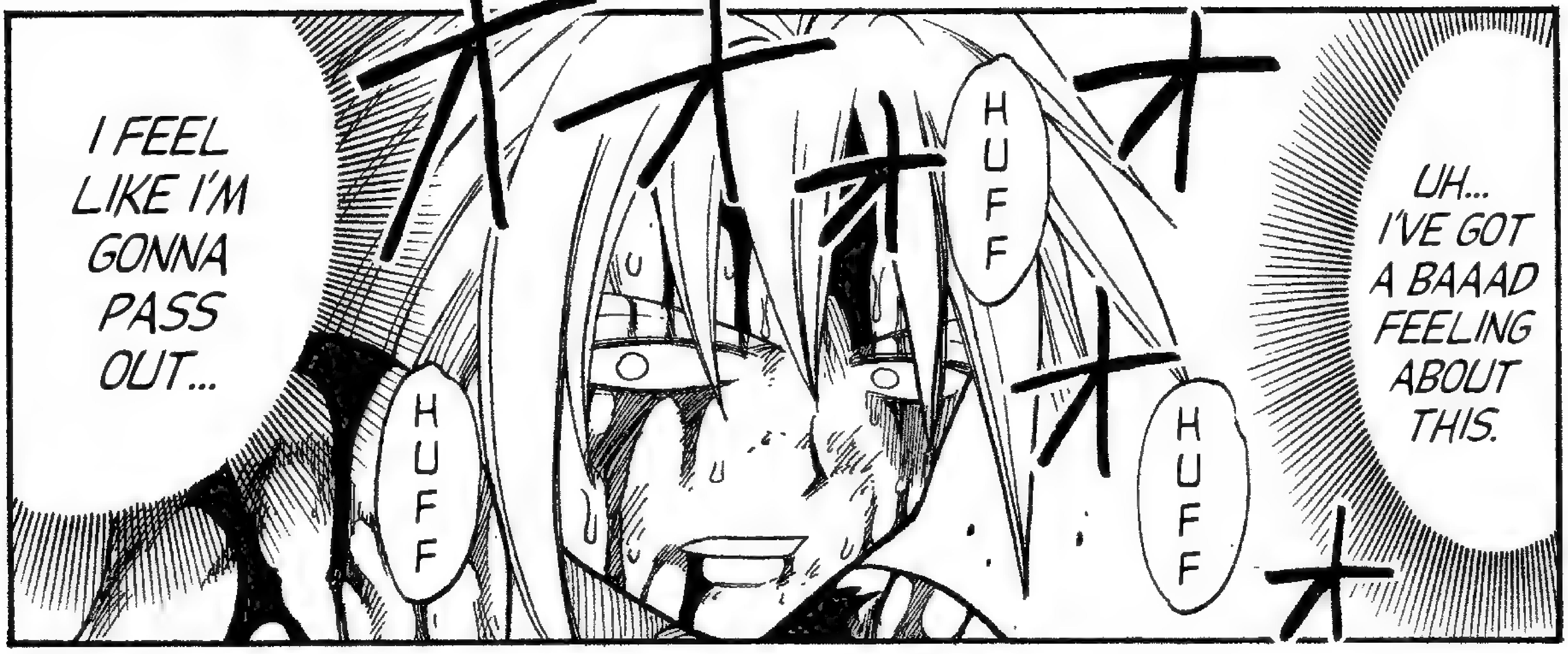
UH... I'VE GOT A BAAAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
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I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA PASS OUT...
HUFF
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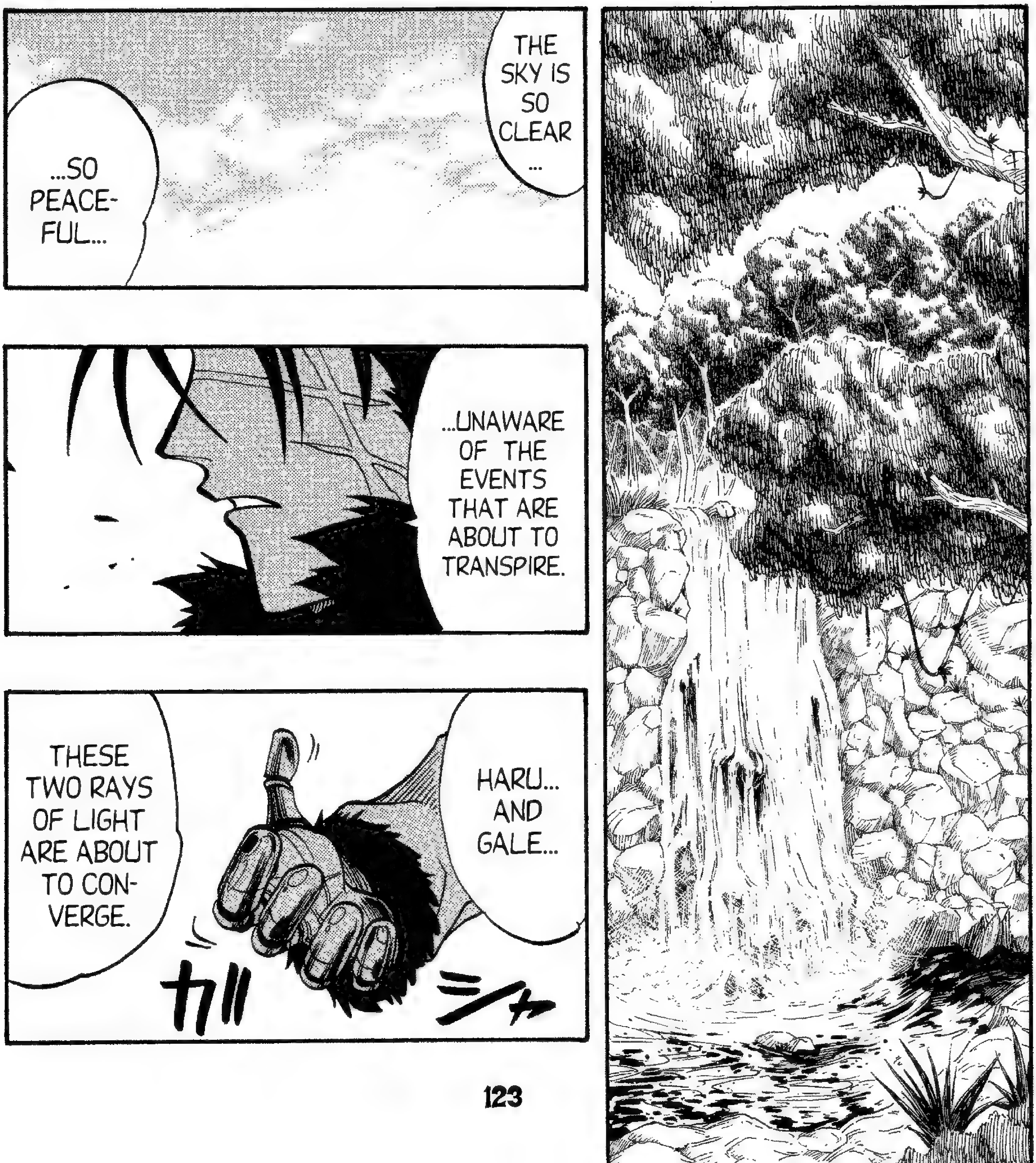
THE SKY IS SO CLEAR ...
...SO PEACEFUL...
...UNAWARE OF THE EVENTS THAT ARE ABOUT TO TRANSPIRE.
HARU... AND GALE...
THESE TWO RAYS OF LIGHT ARE ABOUT TO CONVERGE.
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BLOOD GUIDES THEM...
...AND FATE PROPELS THEM FORWARD...
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THIS MEETING WILL CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY.
BUT HARU... WHEN YOU LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR FATHER'S PAST...AND HIS PRESENT...
...WHEN YOU DISCOVER THE MAN BENEATH IT ALL...

...WILL YOU BE ABLE TO BEAR THE WEIGHT OF HIS LIFE?
HUFF
HUFF
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HUFF
HUFF
I CAN'T... TAKE THIS ANYMORE...
HUFF

I'M SOOO CLOSE...
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HUFF
...I CAN'T THROW IT ALL AWAY!
HUFF
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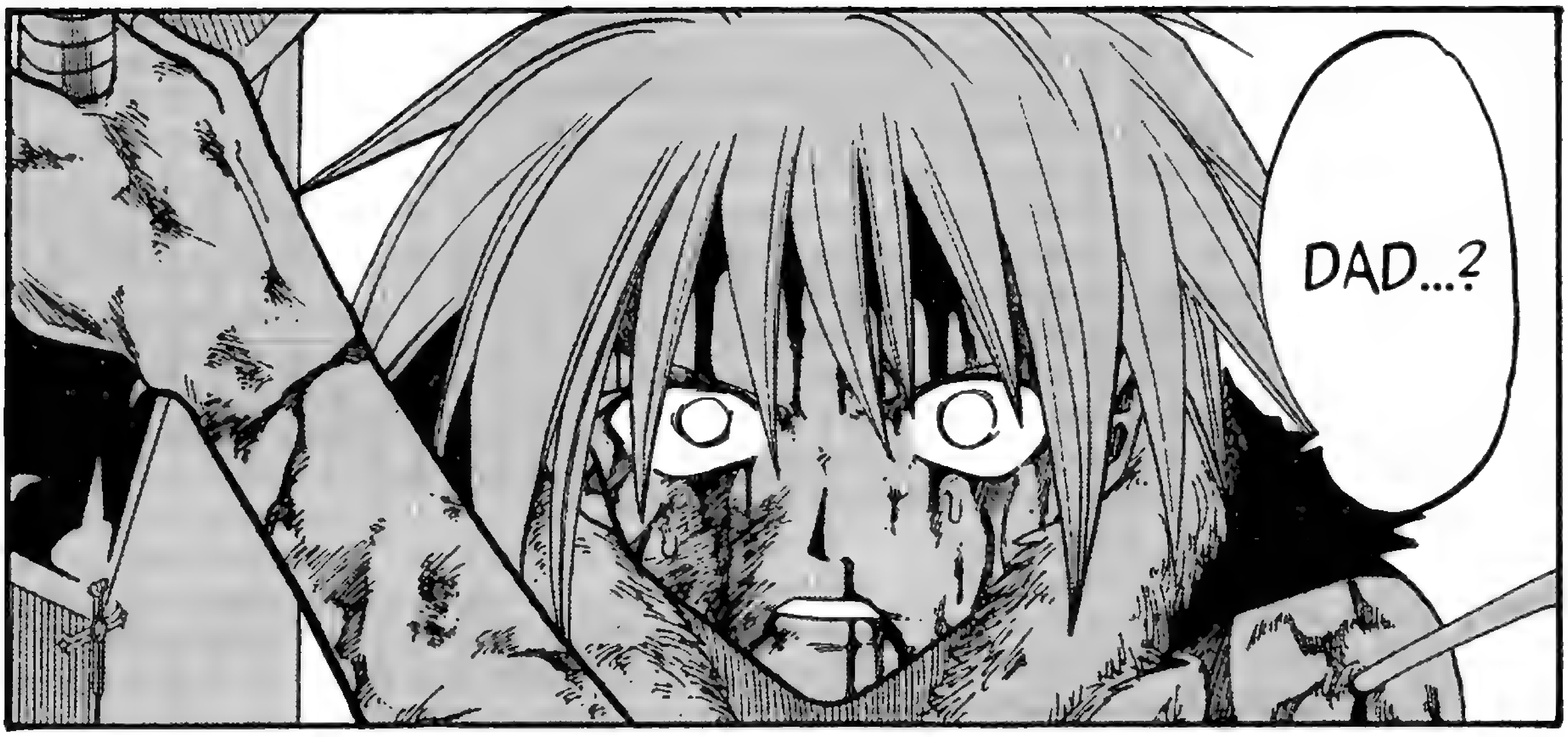
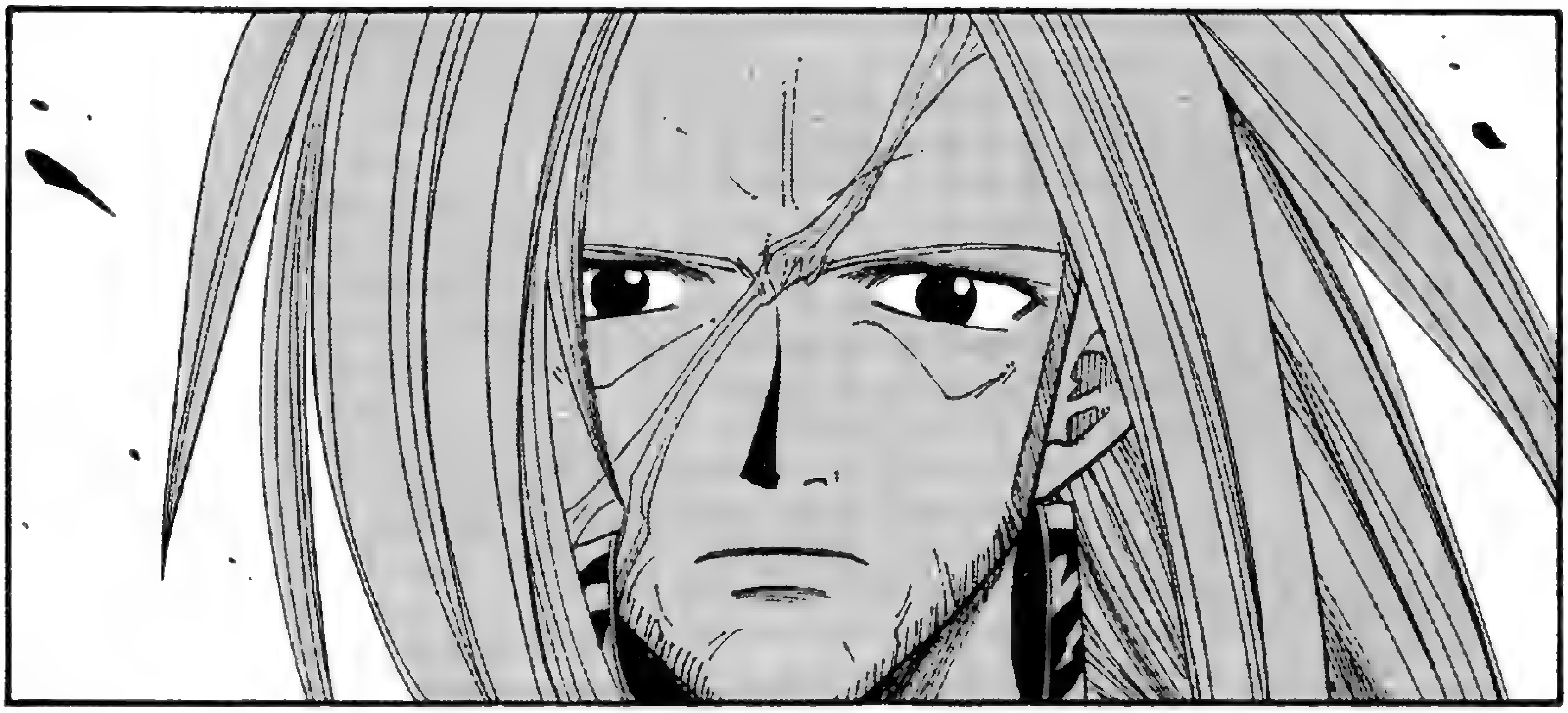
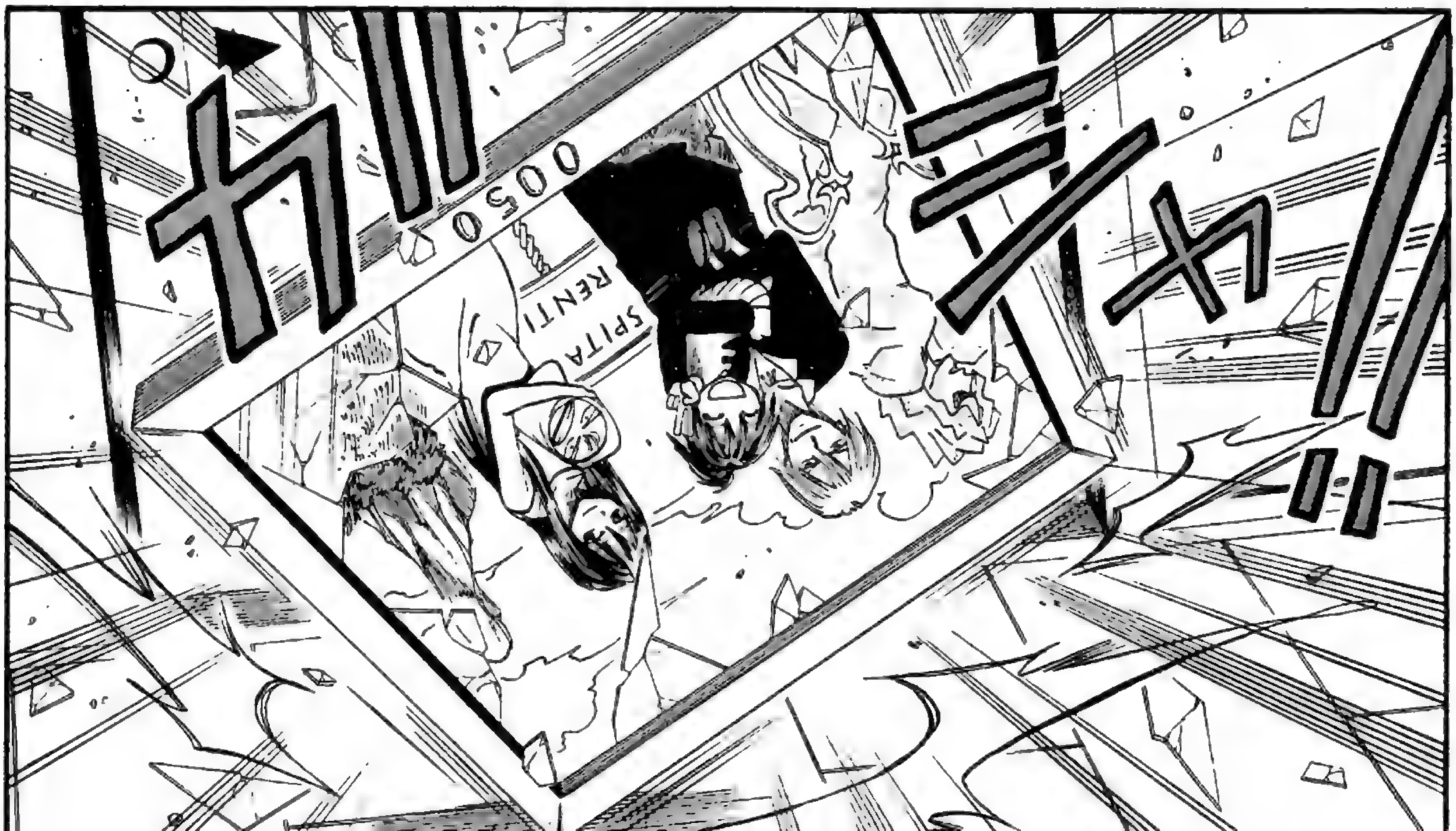
HUFF
I HAVE TO SEE MY DAD FIRST...

... DAD...


DAD...?

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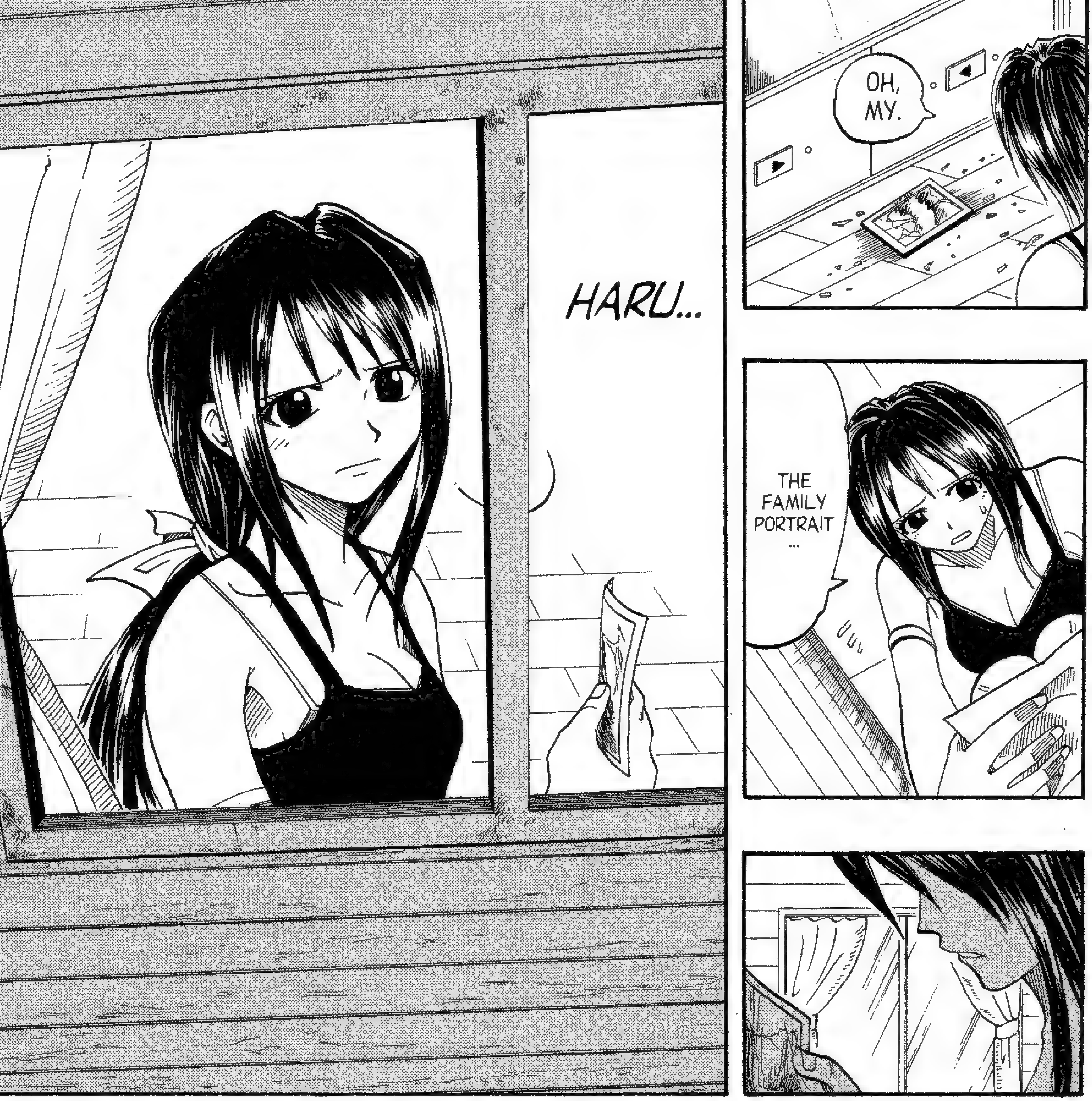
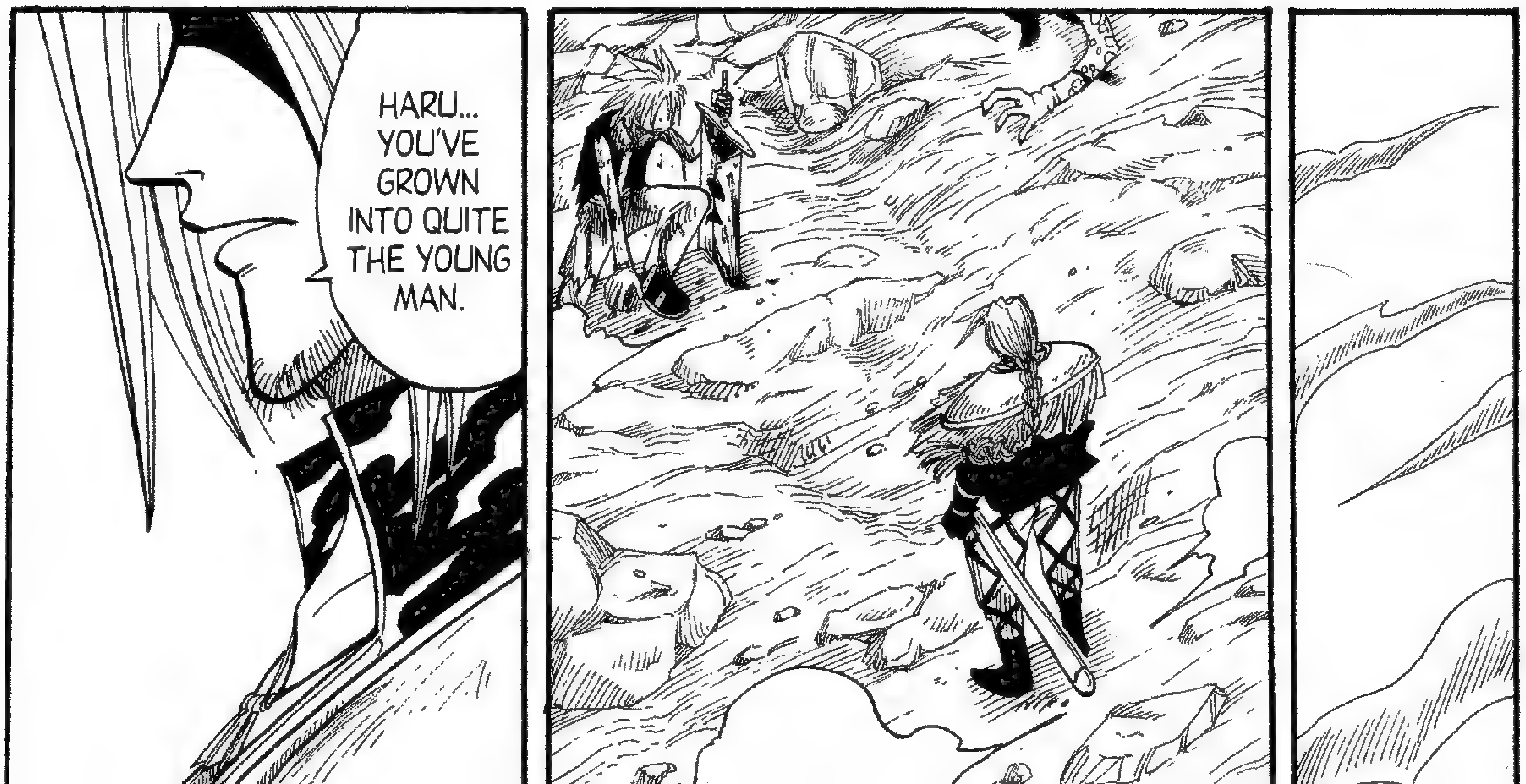

OH, MY.
THE FAMILY PORTRAIT ...
HARU...


HARU... YOU'VE GROWN INTO QUITE THE YOUNG MAN.

EH?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY...
KASHING
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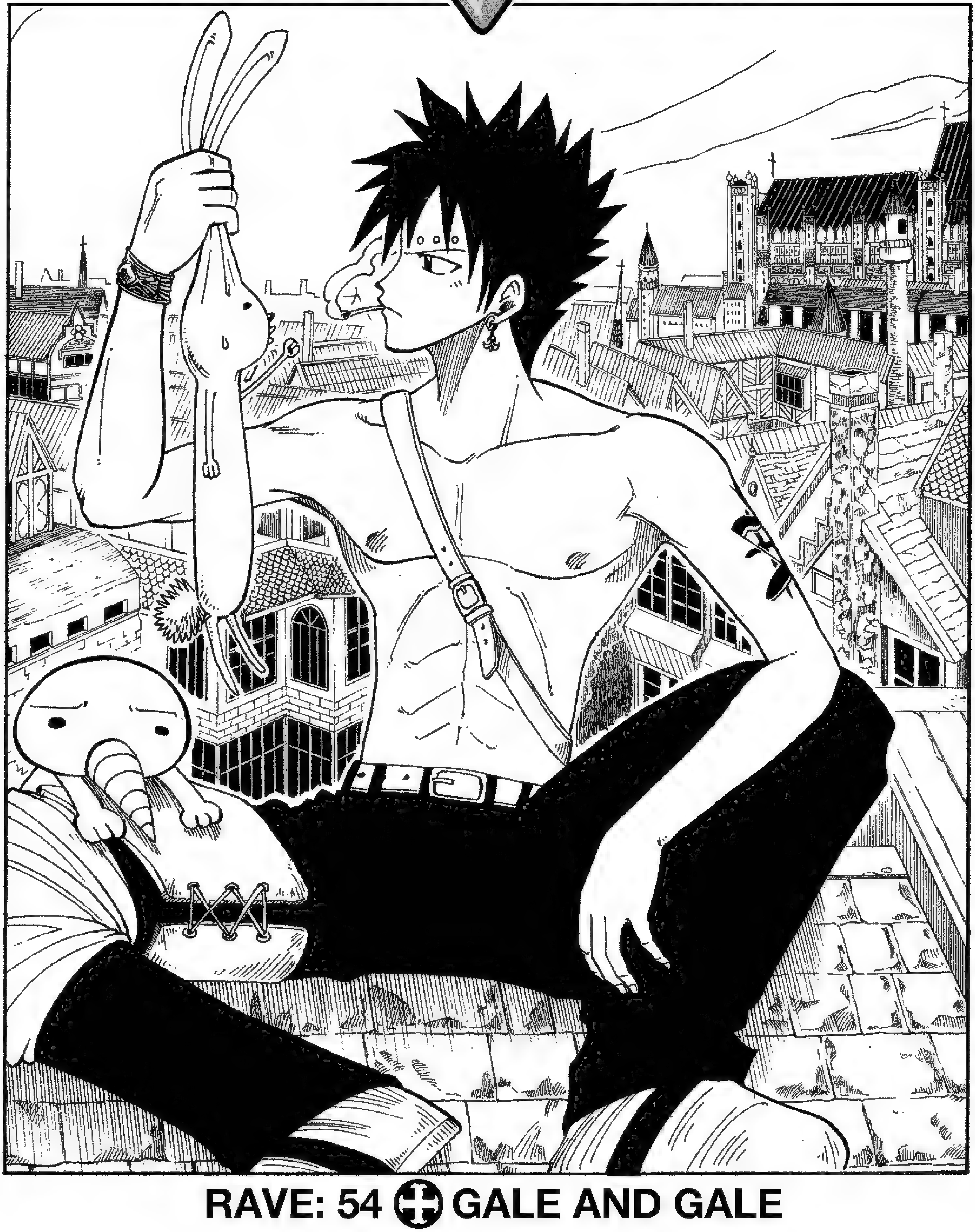
RAVE MASTER



RAVE: 54 ✚ GALE AND GALE

THE RAVE MASTER...
...WHERE DID HE GO?
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT. WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE FOR HIM.
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HEY! STOP THAT! I MEAN IT!
NO WAY... I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WENT... ALL BY HIMSELF...
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WHY WOULD HE RUN OFF LIKE THAT?
THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM TO GO ALONE.
TO HIM, THERE IS.
?
WE CAN'T WAIT AROUND FOR HIM!! COME ON, ELIE!!
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O-OKAY.

YOU HAVE TO TAKE US TO THE TOWER OF DIN!
STOP AND THINK ABOUT THIS FOR A SECOND...THE DEMONOID ARMY IS OVER 1000 MEN STRONG!
NOT TO MENTION THEIR LEADER, GALE, WHO HAS A DARK BRING... AND I CAN'T IMAGINE HE'D GO THERE BY HIMSELF...
THE THING IS... THERE'S A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT THIS GALE...IS HARU'S DAD.
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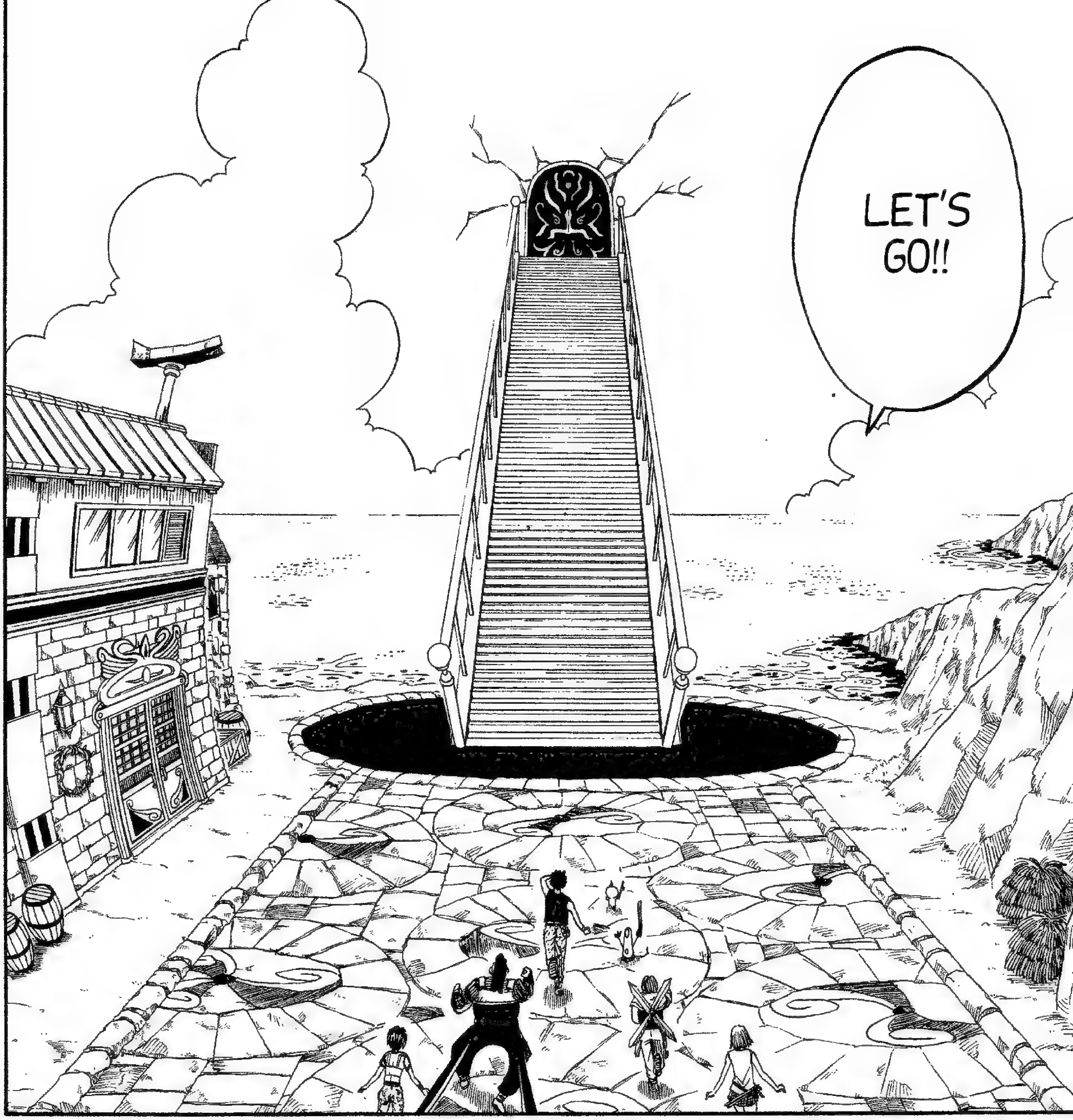
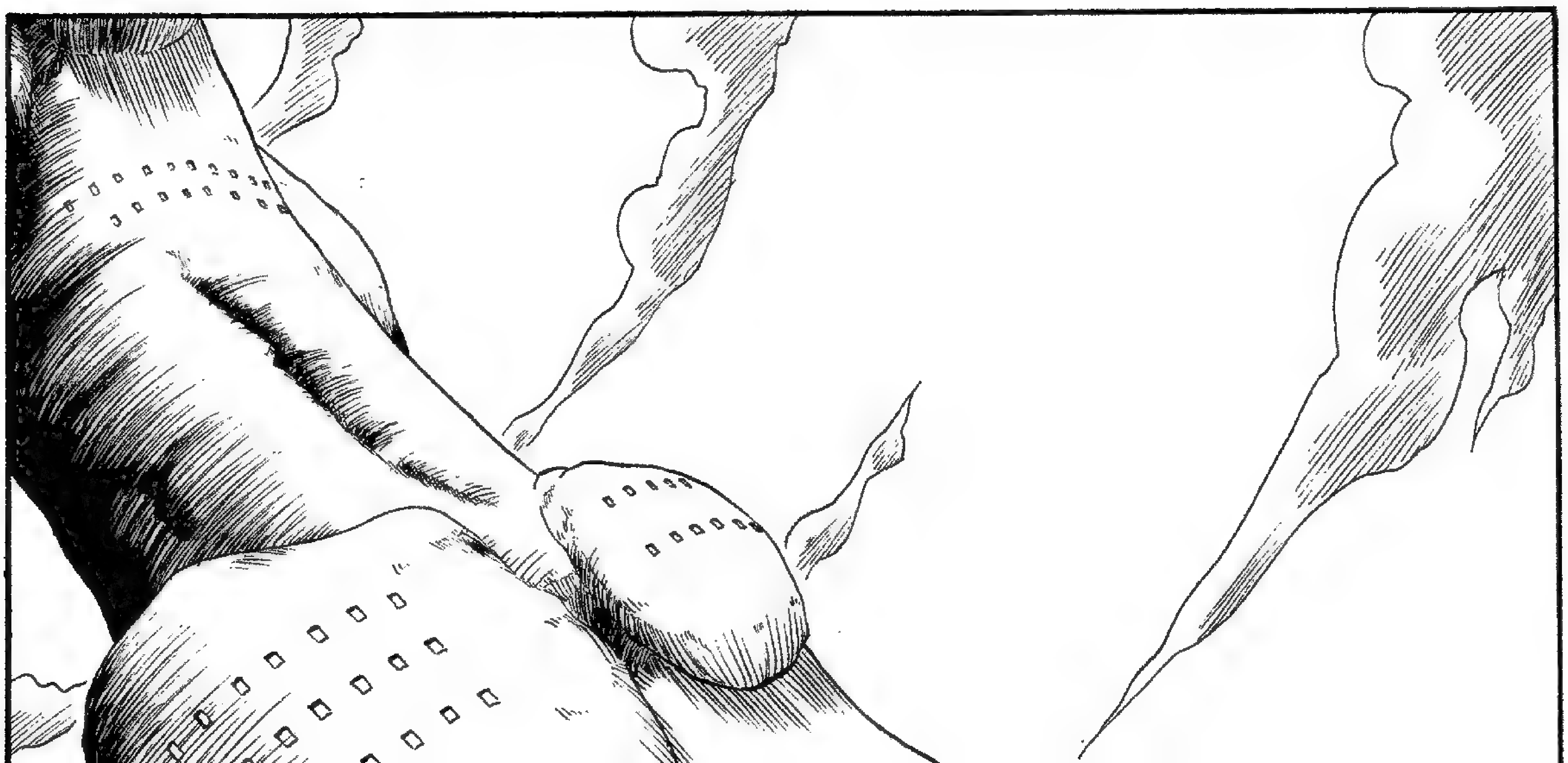
MAN, THIS IS JUST LIKE THAT IDIOT. HE'S ALWAYS GOTTA DO EVERYTHING ON HIS OWN. HEAVEN FORBID HE LET US IN ON WHAT'S GOING ON...
......
BLACK STAR
IS ALL THIS TRUE?
!
LADY REMI.

IF THERE REALLY IS SHARED BLOOD BETWEEN THE RAVE MASTER AND GALE...
...THIS MAY VERY WELL BE THE "TIME WHEN TWO WINDS CONVERGE" REFERRED TO IN THE PROPHECIES...
"WHEN TWO WINDS CONVERGE"?
DO YOU THINK SHE ALWAYS TALKS LIKE A FORTUNE COOKIE?
IN A LANGUAGE OF THE EAST, THE WORD "HARU" MEANS WIND.
AND IN ANOTHER TONGUE, THE WORD "GALE" TRANSLATES TO "WIND STORM."
IF THE TWO "WINDS" REALLY ARE HARU AND GALE...THIS MEETING COULD CHANGE THE WHOLE WORLD!
I MUST GO TO THE TOWER OF DIN AS WELL! I MUST WITNESS THE START OF THIS NEW ERA!
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THAT WILL NOT DO, LADY REMI!! IT IS TOO DANGEROUS!
WHAT'S THE STORY WITH THESE GUYS? ONE MINUTE IT'S "LADY, THIS" AND "LADY, THAT" AND THE NEXT THEY'RE JUST LIKE OLD FRIENDS...HMMM...
SHE'LL BE FINE! LADY REMI WILL BE UNDER MY PERSONAL PROTECTION.
YOU?!

IF YOU FOLKS HAVE IT ALL WORKED OUT, CAN WE GO ALREADY?
MY BEST FRIEND'S LIFE IS AT STAKE.
HEY, JUST BECAUSE WE'RE LETTING YOU TAG ALONG DOESN'T MEAN WE TRUST YOU GUYS.
WE'RE NOT GOING THERE TO SAVE YOUR CITY, COMPRENDE?
WE'RE GOING TO HELP HARU.
FINALLY! IT'S MY TURN TO SAVE HARU!!
HOLD ON TIGHT!! WE'RE ON OUR WAY!!


LET'S GO!!



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WHAT THE --?!
WH... WHY... DAD, WHY ARE YOU...

IT--IT'S LORD GALE...!
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YOU'RE RIGHT...
LORD GALE HAS ARRIVED!!
HAIL LORD GALE!!
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LORD GALE!
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DAD...
OUR LEADER!!
LORD GALE!
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I DON'T BELIEVE THIS...
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...MY DAD'S ...
TRYING TO KILL ME...?
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WHA --?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
DAD...

...YOU'RE NOT **REALLY** WITH THESE CREEPS, ARE YOU?
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C'MON, DAD, TELL ME IT'S A MISTAKE...!
LORD GALE!
LORD GALE!
LORD GALE!
DAD!!!
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MOVE!
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UGH...
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IT'S THE GROUND SWIMMER!
BUT... WHAT'S IT DOING BELOW ME...?
WHAT? HE... WAS HE TRYING TO SAVE ME FROM THIS THING...?
I'M SO OUT OF IT I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE.
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!?
LORD GALE!
LORD GALE!
LORD GALE!
LORD GALE!
...BUT WHY? WHY SAVE ME?

I HAVE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT FOR SO LONG...
...I'VE THROWN AWAY SO MANY CHANCES...GIVEN AWAY SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES... TRIED TO FORGET SO MANY MEMORIES...
JUST WAITING IN THE SHADOWS, PRAYING...
!!
WHO'S THERE?!
...THAT THIS DAY WOULD ARRIVE.
MAY THIS DESPICABLE EVIL DISAPPEAR INTO THE NEVER-ENDING SKY...
...I WILL DEFEAT YOU, SCOUNDREL ...

...KING.
HUH. SO YOU'RE STILL ALIVE...
...GALE GLORY.
KING?!
DEMONCARD COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
KING

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IT'S A DIFFERENT DIMENSION!!
THE WHOLE PLANET SHOOK WHEN THEIR BLADES COLLIDED...
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KING... THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBER OF DEMON CARD.
SO THIS IS KING...
...BUT WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?

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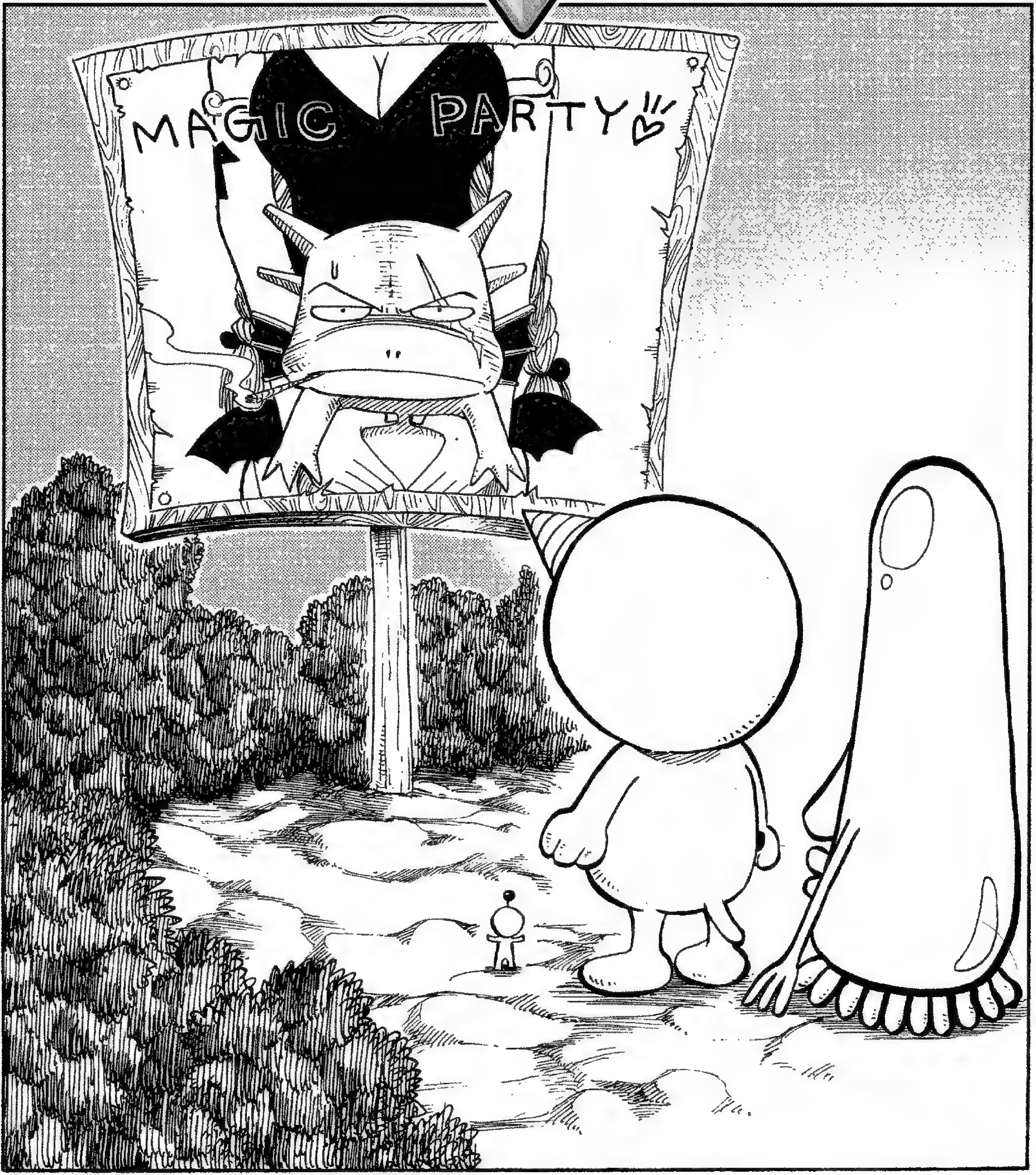
KING COULDN'T BE CONTROLLING THE DEMONOIDS, TOO, COULD HE?
BUT EVERYONE KEPT YAMMERIN' 'BOUT HOW GALE WAS THEIR LEADER...
...AW, MAN... I AM SO CONFUSED.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON YOUR GAME, GALE GLORY.
I'VE JUST BEEN WARMING UP TO BRING YOU DOWN, KING...
OR SHOULD I SAY...

...GALE RARE-GROOVE.
HMPH.
HUH?
GALE? KING'S NAME IS GALE, TOO?
AND HE KNOWS MY DAD?
MAN, THIS IS GIVING ME A HEADACHE...
SO...I FINALLY GET TO MEET YOU...
...MY OTHER SELF.

RAVE MASTER


MAGIC PARTY

RAVE: 55 ✚ THE DAY TIME INTERSECTS

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SO, AFTER ALL THIS TIME WE FINALLY MEET, GALE RAREGROOVE...
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HOW COULD TWO PEOPLE THAT ARE SO DIFFERENT SHARE THE NAME?
SHARE A NAME? KING IS NAMED GALE, TOO?
THEY'RE BOTH GALE...?
HONESTLY, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO LAST THIS LONG...WHAT'S IT BEEN, 10 YEARS?
I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, YOU'RE ONE DETERMINED GUY.

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HARU...
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON HERE...? HOW THE HECK DOES KING KNOW MY DAD...?
I HAVE A TENDENCY TO GET A LITTLE SINGLE-MINDED WHEN I GET IN A TUSSLE. I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION TO YOU ON THE SIDELINES...
...I JUST GOT SO WRAPPED UP IN THE TASK AT HAND. I KNOW IT'S A BAD HABIT...
TRUST ME, DAD, I CAN RELATE.
...I'M SORRY YOU GOT KNOCKED DOWN IN THE SCUFFLE.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DOING A FINE JOB OF LOOKING AFTER ALL MY LITTLE DEMONOIDS, BOY...COLOR ME IMPRESSED...
SO... GLORY'S SON IS THE NEW RAVE MASTER.
!

DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL ALL WARM AND FUZZY, GLORY, TO SEE YOUR SON HAS BECOME THE NEW RAVE MASTER?
......
IT'S ALL STARTING TO MAKE SENSE! KING'S THE LEADER OF THE DEMONOIDS! I JUST HAD THE WRONG GALE!
DAD...
......
YOU KNOW DAMN WELL HOW I FEEL.
HOW COULD I FORGET?
WHAT A FINE DAY FOR A FAMILY REUNION! YOU **DO** REMEMBER WHAT TODAY IS, DON'T YOU, GLORY?

IT'S "THE DAY TIME INTERSECTS."
"THE DAY TIME INTERSECTS"?
TIME?
YES, THE DAY TIME INTERSECTS... I KNEW YOU'D COME HERE TODAY.
YOU HAD TO. TODAY IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE ENCLAIM--
--YOUR RITUAL FOR FORGING NEW DARK BRINGS.

NO WAY! THIS IS WHERE DC MAKES ALL THEIR DARK BRINGS?!
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YES...BUT DARK BRINGS CAN ONLY BE CREATED ONE DAY A YEAR... THE DAY TIME INTERSECTS.
ON THIS DAY, KING FORGES AS MANY DARK BRINGS AS HE POSSIBLY CAN USING THE ENCLAIM!
AND I FINALLY FOUND IT...
SOUNDS LIKE YOU DID YOUR HOMEWORK...
...TOO BAD IT'S TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
OH, I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT...
...STARTING WITH TAKING YOU DOWN!

....
ALL THE PIECES ARE COMING TOGETHER...ALL THESE YEARS MY DAD HAS BEEN AWAY SEARCHING FOR THIS PLACE, FOR THIS DAY!
...BUT WHY?
WHY COULDN'T HE HAVE COME HOME? EVEN FOR JUST A FEW DAYS? AND HOW DOES HE KNOW KING? DID HE USED TO BE PART OF DEMON CARD LIKE SHUDA SAID?!
DAD... TELL ME THE TRUTH...
I GUESS SINCE YOU HAVE COME ALL THIS WAY, THE LEAST I CAN DO IS SHOW YOU THE GLORY OF THE ENCLAIM.
NO, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS DIE!!
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DAD!!
BLACK ZENITH!!
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THAT'S HIS DARK BRING?!
YEAH...IT'S HIS ULTIMATE WEAPON--IT VAPORIZES ANYTHING IT TOUCHES!

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IT'S EASILY THE MOST POWERFUL OF HIS FIVE DARK BRINGS.
HE HAS FIVE?!
HOW CAN ONE GUY USE ALL OF 'EM?!
HE'S JUST GOT A GIFT, I GUESS...
...TOO BAD GALE RAREGROOVE'S LIST OF TALENTS ALSO INCLUDES BEING THE "ULTIMATE EVIL."
BEHOLD!
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THE WHEELS OF THE ENCLAIM ARE SET IN MOTION...
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...PURE EVIL DELIVERED BY BLACK LIGHT FROM THE HEAVENS...
...AND BORN FROM MOTHER EARTH ITSELF!
THIS IS HOW DARK BRINGS ARRIVE IN OUR WORLD!

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LET ME TELL YOU WHY TODAY IS CALLED "THE DAY TIME INTERSECTS."
THROUGHOUT TIME, HISTORY HAS BEEN SHAPED BY THE EVENTS OF THIS DAY.
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IS IT MERE COINCIDENCE? OR IS IT PERHAPS FATE?
EITHER WAY, ON THIS DAY, ALL OF "TIME" CONVERGES INTO A SINGLE DAY.
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オオオオオ…
ON THIS DAY IN THE YEAR 0015, THE RAVES WERE CRAFTED...BUT NOT WITHOUT A PRICE, FOR IT WAS ALSO ON THIS DAY THAT RESHA DIED.
EXACTLY ONE YEAR LATER CAME THE OVERDRIVE... AND THE END OF THE WAR.
BUT FOR GLORY AND ME, THIS DAY HOLDS SOMETHING EVEN MORE SPECIAL.
ON THIS DAY IN 0021, WE WERE BOTH BORN, AND GIVEN THE EXACT SAME NAME.
20 YEARS LATER, TO THE DAY, OUR PATHS FIRST CROSSED ...

...AND WE GAVE BIRTH TO DEMON CARD.
WE ARE THE PARENTS OF DEMON CARD.
AND NOW, FIFTEEN YEARS LATER, ON THIS VERY DAY...I WILL USHER IN A NEW ERA, MARKED BY THE DEATH OF BOTH OF YOU!
ALL THE FOR ENCLAIM!!
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COME... JOIN ME IN CELEBRATION...
FOR MORE DARK BRINGS ARE ABOUT TO BE BORN!

THE ENCLAIM... MAGNIFICENT BLACK LIGHT...

I THINK THIS YEAR'S CROP OF DARK BRINGS MIGHT JUST BE OUR BEST YET.
IT'S A VERY SPECIAL DAY, THE DAY TIME INTERSECTS...WE SHOULD MARK THE OCCASION WITH YOUR DEATHS!
AFTER THE ENCLAIM, OF COURSE...
STOP RIGHT THERE, MAN!

KING!! WHAT IS YOUR DEAL, ANYWAY?
WHAT DO YOU GAIN BY MAKING DARK BRINGS AND PLUNGING THE WORLD INTO CHAOS?
WHY DO YOU WANT THE RAVES?!
DAD!!
HARU...
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SON, I CAN'T IMAGINE ALL THE THINGS THAT MUST BE RUNNING THROUGH YOUR MIND...
...THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I WANT TO TELL YOU, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE START.
BUT THE ENCLAIM HAS ALREADY BEGUN.
WE HAVE TO ACT QUICKLY IF WE'RE GOING TO STOP IT.
ONCE THIS IS ALL OVER, WE'LL SIT DOWN AND HAVE A LONG TALK. I PROMISE.
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DAD...
HOW CAN I TRUST YOU?

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I DON'T KNOW. YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGURE THAT ONE OUT YOURSELF.
BUT YOU HAVE TO DECIDE NOW... IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN TRUST ME, FOLLOW ME NOW.

LET'S GO GET KING.
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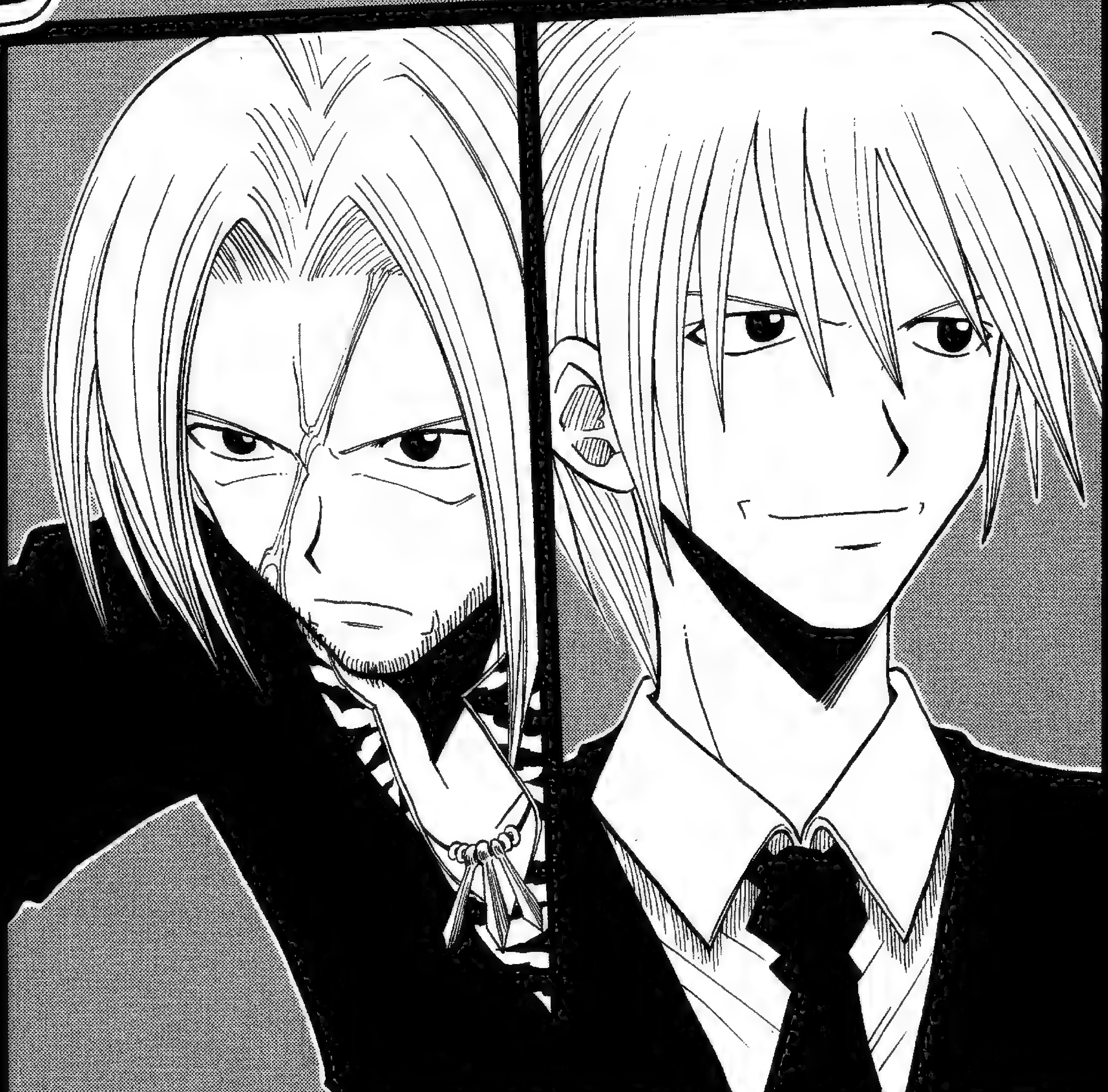
TOGETHER. FATHER AND SON.

RAVE MASTER



RAVE: 56 ✚ SMOKE SIGNALS FOR A BLOODY BATTLE

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BLACK STAR
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THE TOWER OF DIN... IT'S CHANGED SHAPE...
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
MORE THAN THAT...
THE DEMONOID ARMY...IT'S GONE, COMPLETELY WIPED OUT...
HOW COULD HARU HAVE DONE THIS ALL BY HIMSELF?
DUDE, THAT KID HAS GOT SKILLS.
BLACK STAR
NOW QUIT JABBERING AND GET TO THAT TOWER!
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THAT TOWER... IT'S SO FAMILIAR.
WHERE DO I KNOW THIS THING FROM?
OH MY--I WAS HERE WITH HIM...
BUT...I CAN'T...IT'S ALL SO HAZY!!
THIS PLACE...WHY DO I FEEL SO CONNECTED TO IT?
MISS ELIE, IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
...

YEAH, I'M FINE.
ALL RIGHT, THEN. BUT REMEMBER, WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE RUNNING AWAY IN TERROR, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME AND COWER WITH US.
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THANKS, GRIFF. I APPRECIATE IT.
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ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO! HARU'S WAITIN' FOR US!
ONCE EVERYTHING CALMS DOWN...
...I'M SURE...
...IT'LL ALL COME BACK TO ME.
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE HAPPENING UP AT THAT TOWER?
HARU AND GALE... "WHEN TWO WINDS CONVERGE"...IS THIS IT?

!
REMI, STAY CLOSE TO ME.
OKAY...
SOLASIDO... WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER...
DO YOU THINK WE CAN GO BACK TO OUR NORMAL LIVES?
OF COURSE.
I CANNOT WAIT.
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I HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU...
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...THE PEOPLE OF RABARRIER... WE'VE BEEN KEEPING A SECRET...IT'S ABOUT THE RAVE...
SOLASIDO... REMI...ME...NONE OF US HAVE EVER SHARED THIS SECRET... NOT WITH ANYONE...
SO? IS IT REALLY THAT BIG A DEAL?
UH-HUH...BUT TODAY...IF IT COULD SOMEHOW PREVENT THIS BATTLE, WE WOULD TELL YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS OUR SECRET.
I KNOW I'M BEING VAGUE, BUT RIGHT NOW WE JUST NEED YOUR HELP, NO UNNECESSARY QUESTIONS. WE'LL EXPLAIN IT ALL EVENTUALLY...
DOES YOUR BIG SECRET HAVE TO DO WITH THE RAVE OF COMBAT...? NOT EVEN A HINT, HUH?
IT'S OKAY, I DON'T CARE. WE'RE GOING TO SIT DOWN AND HAVE A BIG TALK ONCE THIS IS ALL OVER...
...BUT RIGHT NOW, LET'S CONCENTRATE ON WHAT'S IN FRONT OF US, OKAY?
YOUNG MASTER... YOU'RE WISE BEYOND YOUR YEARS.
I HOPE YOU SURVIVE WHAT'S COMING.
UH... THANKS. RIGHT BACK AT YA.

C'MON, KING. WHERE'D YOU GO?
HARU...CALM DOWN AND BE CAREFUL...HE'S PROBABLY ON THE TOP FLOOR.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY? THOSE WOUNDS LOOK PRETTY SERIOUS.
WE BETTER GET YOU STITCHED UP BEFORE WE GO ON.
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WHATS THIS STUFF?
IT'S A MAGIC ELIXIR. ONE BOTTLE AND YOU'LL BE GOOD AS NEW.
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HEY... THIS STUFF'S BETTER THAN IT LOOKS.
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WHOOOOOOAH!!!
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I FEEL PUMPED!!

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YOU GOOD TO GO?
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CUT IT OUT!! YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME!!
GIVE YOUR OLD MAN A BREAK. THERE'S NOBODY AROUND!!

IF YOU'RE FEELING GOOD ENOUGH TO GIVE ME GRIEF, YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH FOR US TO MOVE ON...
...COME ON!! WE CAN'T STOP UNTIL WE REACH THE TOP!!
RIGHT BEHIND YA!
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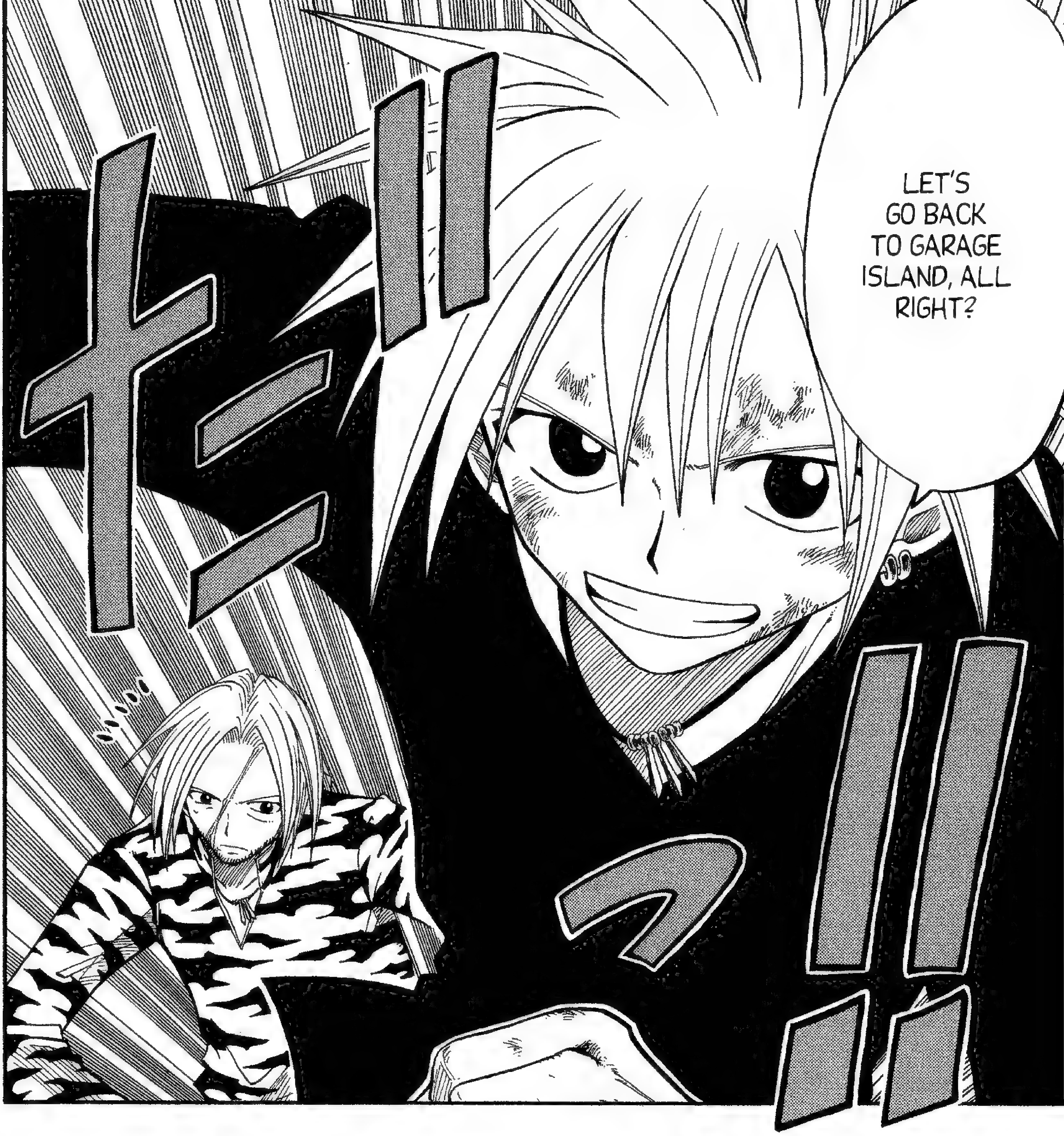
ALL THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN RACING THROUGH MY SKULL... ALL THESE QUESTIONS I WANTED TO ASK HIM...
...WHY DIDN'T YOU EVER COME BACK? DID YOU KNOW MOM DIED? WHY DID YOU GO SEARCH FOR THE RAVES ANYWAY?
BUT... I HAVEN'T SAID HARDLY ANYTHING...

I THOUGHT I'D BE MORE RATTLED...I MEAN, I FINALLY KNOW HE'S ALIVE AFTER ALL THIS TIME!
BUT I STILL HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS. HE HAS SO MUCH TO TELL ME.
IS THIS WHAT FAMILY'S ALL ABOUT?
IS THIS HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE WITH MY DAD?
HARU... I RECKON KING AND I ARE A PRETTY EQUAL MATCH.
ON MY OWN, I'D HAVE ABOUT A 50/50 CHANCE OF MAKING IT THROUGH...

BUT WITH YOU HERE, I KNOW WE CAN WIN.
I KNOW IT MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE A FAIR FIGHT...TWO AGAINST ONE AND ALL... BUT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR ALL MANKIND...
ALL MANKIND...
...WE DEFEAT KING, WE DEFEAT DEMON CARD. IT'S THAT SIMPLE.
DAD...
...AFTER WE BRING HIM DOWN...


LET'S GO BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND, ALL RIGHT?
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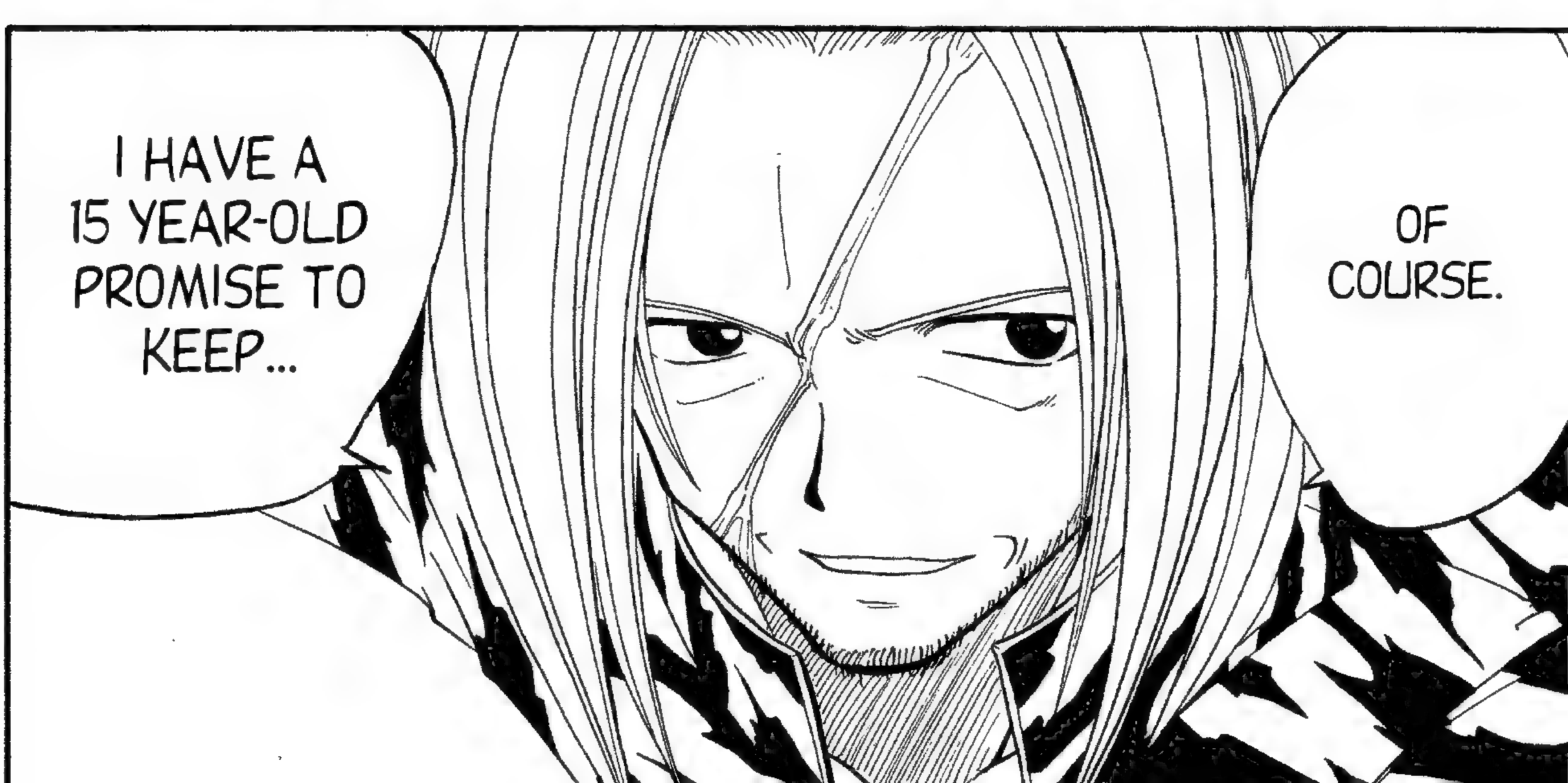
OF COURSE.
I HAVE A 15 YEAR-OLD PROMISE TO KEEP...

Top Floor
WHAT A MAGNIFICENT DAY...
...TODAY'S ENCLAIM IS BRIMMING WITH THE POWER OF BLACK LIGHT!
IT'S THE ULTIMATE ENCLAIM. THE ULTIMATE DAY.
BUT...IF I AM STUCK HERE DURING THE PROCESS...
...THOSE MAGGOTS RUNNING AROUND DOWNSTAIRS MAY POSE A PROBLEM.
GLORY AND THE RAVE MASTER.
AND THE RAVE MASTER'S FRIENDS AND THE RABARRIER KNIGHTS ONLY COMPLICATE MATTERS FURTHER.

THE ULTIMATE DARK BRING IS CAPABLE OF OPENING DOORWAYS TO OTHER WORLDS... GATE...
HMMM... WHILE I AM PREOCCUPIED HERE... WHY DON'T I LEAVE THE TASK OF ERADICATING THE MAGGOTS TO THEM...
THE FIVE PALACE GUARDIANS!
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... RISE!!
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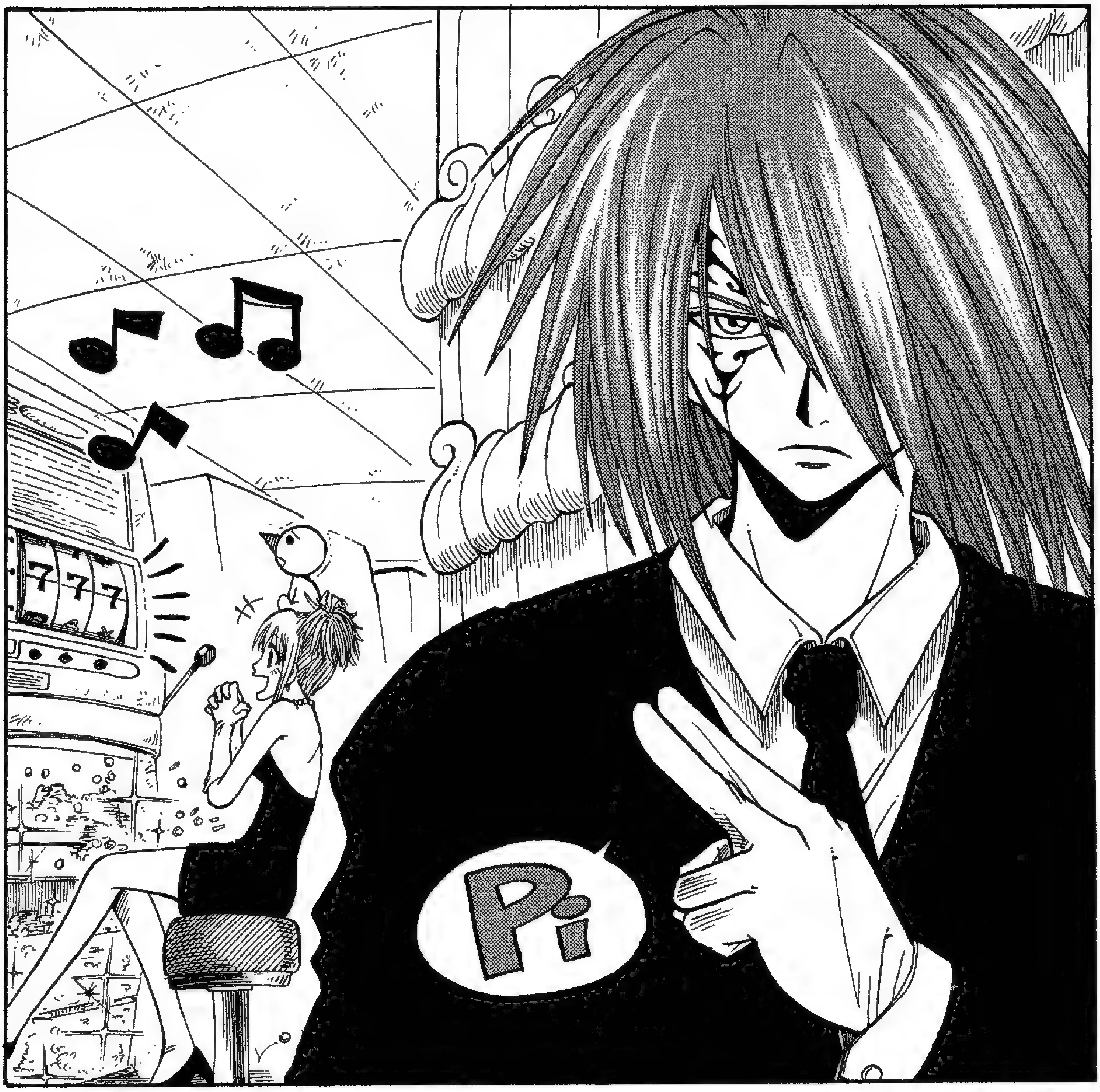
GOD SAVE THE KING
IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, KING.
WE ARE READY TO SERVE YOU IN BATTLE.
HAHAHA... **PERFECT.** THIS TOWER IS INFESTED WITH VERMIN. ELIMINATE THEM!
YES, SIR!
JUST BE CAREFUL WITH THE OLDER GLORY... HE'S A HARDENED WARRIOR, ALMOST AS POWERFUL AS ME.
WE UNDERSTAND, KING.

WE ARE THE FIVE PALACE GUARDIANS !!!
PUT YOUR TRUST IN US AND YOUR FAITH IN OUR POWER!!!
I'M WAITING FOR YOU GLORY...
...BOTH OF YOU.

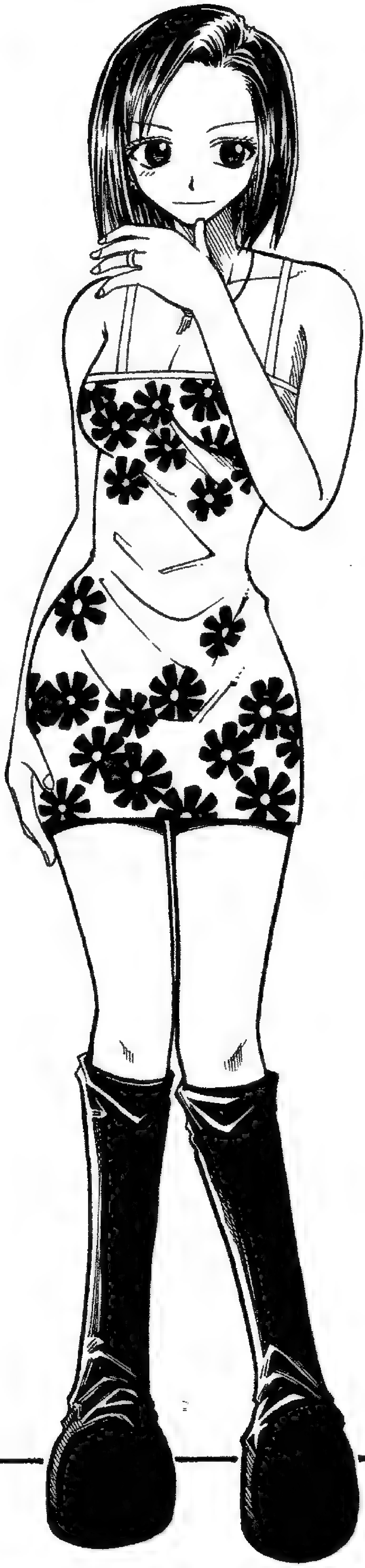
The day time intersects ...
...Each with their own thoughts...
...the fuse to the final battle had been lit.
This day would go down in history...
...as the day everything changed.
TO BE CONTINUED

Bonus Page



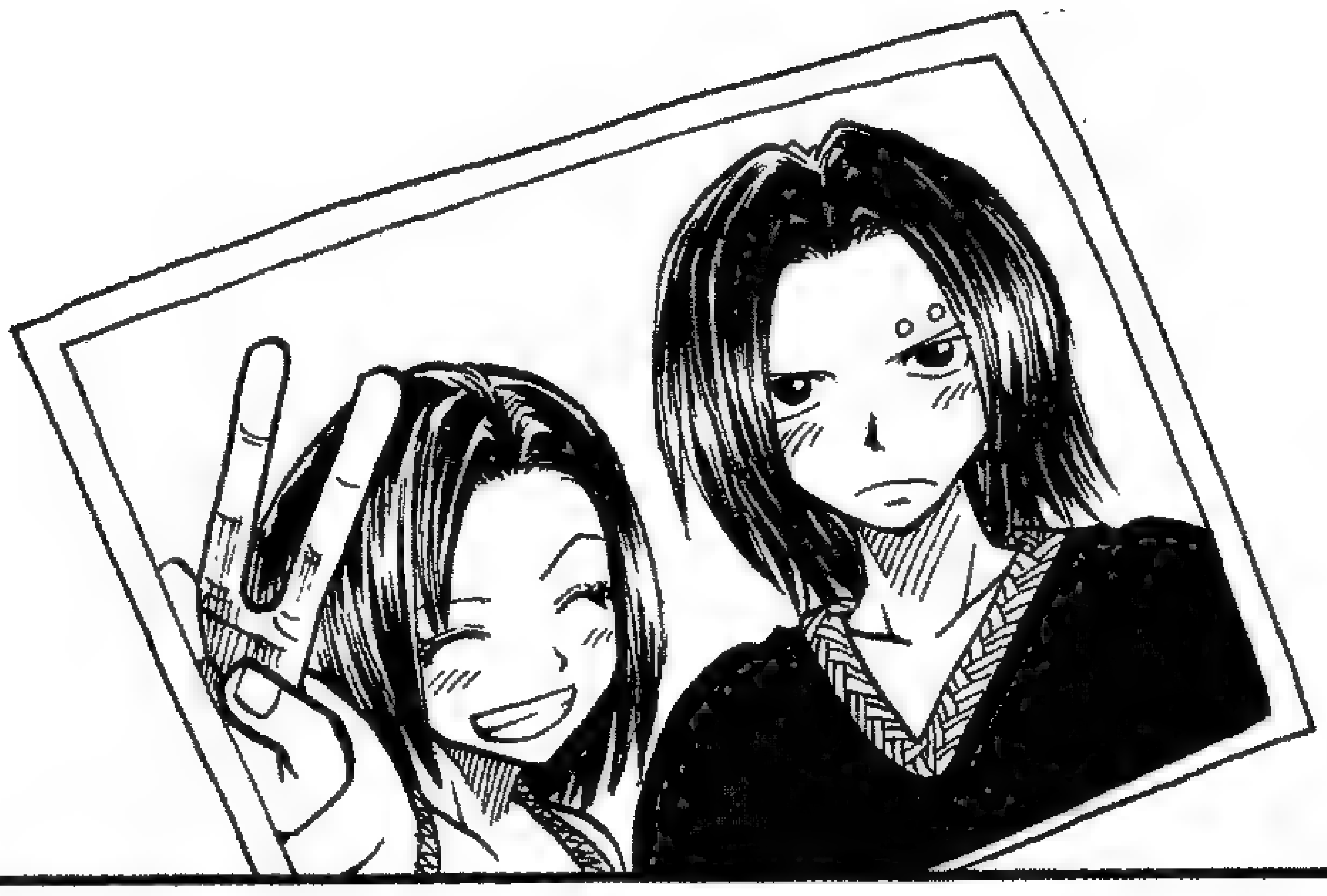
WE GOT QUITE A FEW BONUS PAGES THIS TIME AROUND.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. I'VE BEEN MEANING TO SAY THIS FOR SOME TIME NOW, BUT JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, THE NUMBER OF BONUS PAGES DEPENDS ON HOW MANY WE NEED TO PUT IN. HMM, I'VE SAID "PAGES" TOO MANY TIMES! SO, IN OTHER WORDS, THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN THERE AREN'T VERY MANY BONUS PAGES, BUT IT JUST DEPENDS ON THE NEEDS OF THE BOOK, SO DON'T THINK WE'RE JUST SLACKING OR SOMETHING.
SO, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, LET'S BEGIN!!

MUSICA'S EX-GIRLFRIEND: MELODIA

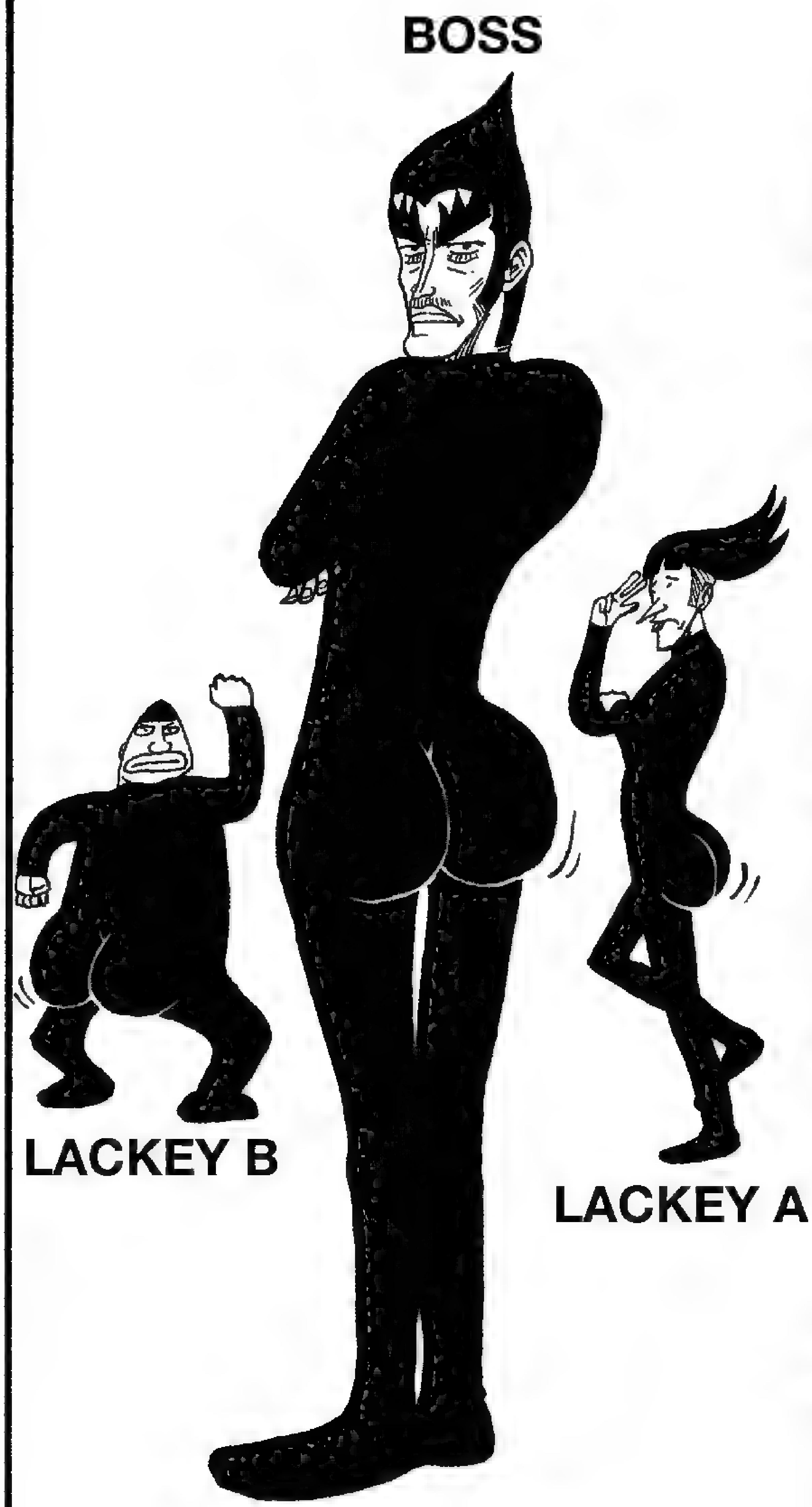


WEAPON: NONE (ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?)
BIRTHDAY / AGE: AUGUST 29, 0048 / 18 YEARS OLD
HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE: 165CM / 47KG / AB
BIRTHPLACE: BLUES CITY
INTERESTS / HOBBIES: WATCHING TV, WORK (FLORIST)
SPECIAL TALENT: KNOWING WHEN HER BOYFRIEND IS CHEATING ON HER
LIKES: CHOCOLATE
HATES: BEING HIT ON

This is kind of embarrassing, since I've never really written any romance comics or anything like that (laughs). I do enjoy reading them quite a bit, though. Putting that aside, boy, that Melodia, whoo! She's a great gal. Quite a catch. Musica must have had quite the reason to break up with a great girl like this. Maybe she caught him cheating on her? Well, why don't I just leave that up to your imagination. By the way, in Chapter 48, where Melodia appears, Numbermen appear hanging out throughout the whole chapter. See if you can find them! (1 to 8)



TRUE BADNESS: JIGGLE BUTT GANG



BOSS: REAL NAME - WONDERFUL GOCCH
WEAPON: KNIFE
BIRTHDAY / AGE: OCTOBER 2, 0033 / 33 YEARS OLD
HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE: 168CM / 61KG / B
BIRTHPLACE: CLASSICAL TOWN
INTERESTS / HOBBIES: MORNING CALISTHENICS
SPECIAL TALENT: QUIZ SHOWS
LIKES: BEING BAD
HATES: JUSTICE

LACKEY A: REAL NAME - KAERIN BHORG
WEAPON: TEETH
BIRTHDAY / AGE: JANUARY 23, 0038 / 28 YEARS OLD
HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE: 166CM / 52KG / A
BIRTHPLACE: TECHNOTICA
INTERESTS / HOBBIES: BIRD WATCHING
SPECIAL TALENT: DIFFUSING EXPLOSIVES
LIKES: BIRDS
HATES: WISDOM TEETH

LACKEY B: REAL NAME - MARCO BELENGE
WEAPON: HEAD BUTT
BIRTHDAY / AGE: APRIL 9, 0040 / 26 YEARS OLD
HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE: 153CM / 97KG / A
BIRTHPLACE: MODS TOWN
INTERESTS / HOBBIES: EATING SUPER-SPICY CURRY
SPECIAL TALENT: CARRYING DANGEROUS OBJECTS
LIKES: HAM RADIO
HATES: SWEET THINGS

Man, have I wanted to do this! This kind of story!! I've been wanting to write something like this!! Guys like these!! Hip hip hooray for the Jiggle Butt Gang! It would be such a waste to only have these guys in one story, wouldn't it...maybe I'll bring them back someday.

Okay, Boss. Boy, are you stupid!! Trying to highjack a train without planning an escape route. But then again, these types of nitwits are at the essence of my personality.

Rave Wordgame

1) THE FIRST PART OF HARU'S NEWEST TEN POWERS FORM

WHAT A "REGULAR" HORSE HAS (NOT TANCHIMO)

TO SEEK

THE SECOND PART OF HARU'S NEWEST TEN POWERS FORM

WHAT SIEG HART GIVES HARU

WHAT DEMON CARD BUILT AT TREMOLO MOUNTAIN

NOT CRAZY

WHAT POOSYA SHOULD USE FOR HIS BAD BREATH

SMALL, LIKE PLUE

HELLO! LET'S PLAY A WORD GAME! SEE IF YOU CAN COME UP WITH FOUR LETTER WORDS FOR ALL OF THE CLUES ON THE LEFT. NOT *THAT* KIND OF FOUR-LETTER-WORD, YOU DIRTY READER! JUST ANY OLD WORDS WITH FOUR LETTERS.

BUT HERE'S THE CATCH—YOU HAVE TO ARRANGE ALL OF THE WORDS IN THE BOXES BELOW SO THAT EACH ONE CHANGES JUST ONE LETTER FROM THE WORD BEFORE IT. FOR EXAMPLE, A STRING MIGHT GO BEAR-BEAD-READ-REAL. THE LAST WORD IS RAVE, AND TO GET YOU STARTED, I'VE POINTED OUT WHICH CLUE GOES IN THE FIRST SLOT. GOOD LUCK!

START

GOAL **RAVE**

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Rave Inside Stories Q&A

JUST AS THE NAME SUGGESTS, THIS IS WHERE I ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF ALL THINGS RAVE. AFTER YOU FIND OUT, YOU MAY WISH YOU NEVER KNEW, SO YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE TO READ THESE. OF COURSE, THERE ARE SOME SECRETS I CAN'T DIVULGE NO MATTER WHAT...WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO READ ON OR NOT, ALL OF THE QUESTIONS THIS TIME DEAL WITH THINGS THAT BECOME APPARENT ANYWAY AS THE STORY GOES ON, SO ONLY READ IF YOU REALLY, REALLY WANT TO KNOW.

Q - DO ALL FIVE RAVES HAVE THEIR OWN SEPARATE NAMES?
A - THEY SURE DO. THE RAVE OF WISDOM, THE RAVE OF COMBAT, THE RAVE OF TRUTH, AND THE RAVE OF THE DESTINY. THESE FOUR WERE THE ONES THAT WERE SCATTERED, AND THE RAVE HARU HAS HAS A NAME AS WELL. BUT SINCE IT INVOLVES THE FINAL FORM OF THE TEN POWERS, I'LL KEEP THAT ONE A SECRET.

Q - IT SEEMS LIKE JEGAN OF THE ORACION SIX AND JEID OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY LOOK A LOT ALIKE. IS THERE SOME SORT OF CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO?
A - YES, A LITTLE.

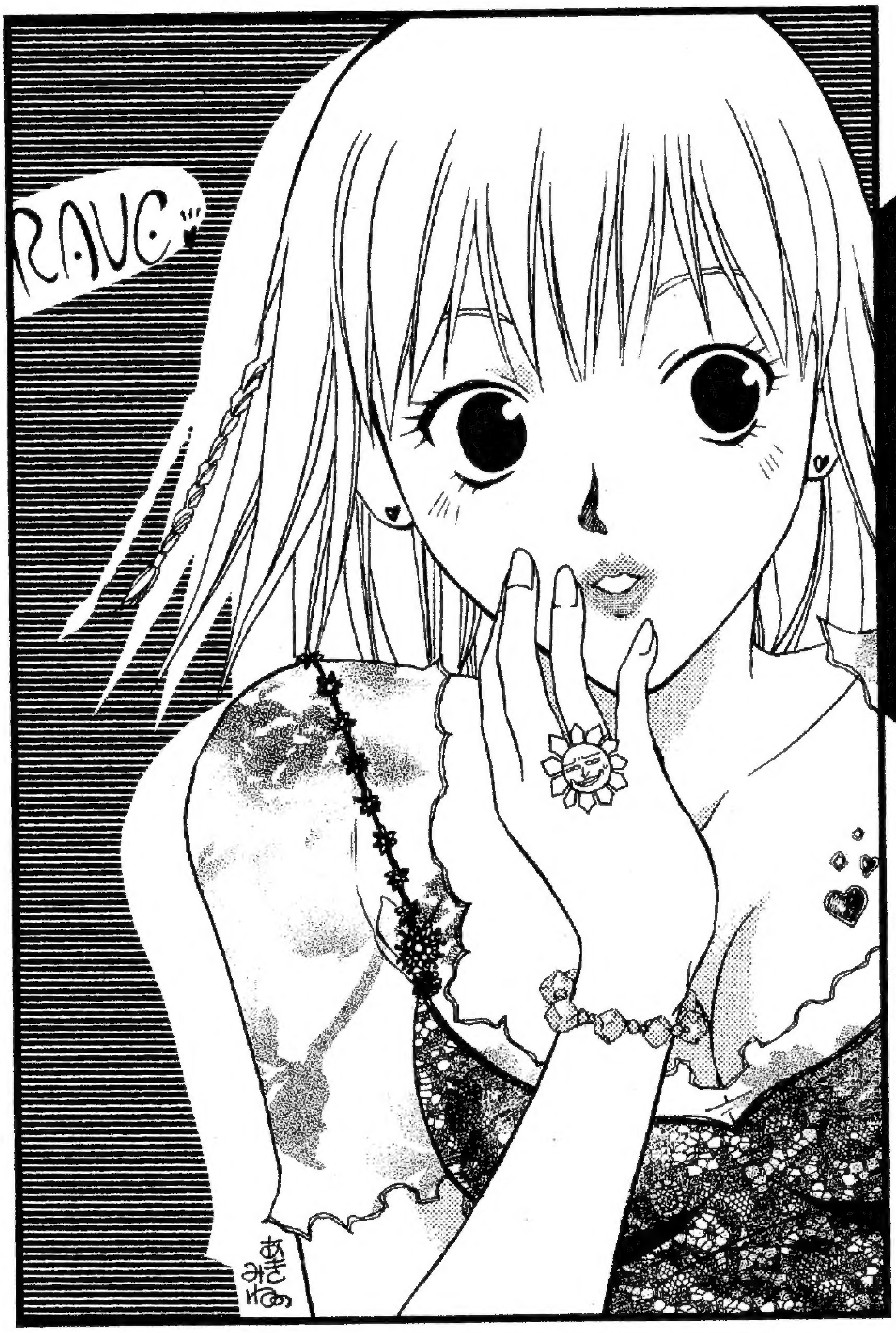
Q - WHO IS THE "OLD MAN" IN THE ORACION SIX? IS HIS NAME A SECRET?
A - HIS NAME IS...I JUST HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF ONE YET (LAUGHS). GUESS I BETTER THINK OF ONE BEFORE HE APPEARS IN THE STORY, HUH?

Q - HOW DID SOLASIDO HURT HIS ARM?
A - HE INJURED IT FIGHTING AGAINST THE DEMONOID. FUA LOST HIS RIGHT EYE THE SAME WAY.

Q - WHO IS THE STRONGEST PERSON IN THE WORLD OF RAVE?
A - CURRENTLY, IT WOULD BE EITHER KING OR GALE (HARU'S FATHER). HOWEVER, SHIBA HAD BOTH OF THEM BEAT WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER.

Q - WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS WRITTEN ON ELIE'S ARM REALLY ABOUT?
A - YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH. BUT HERE'S A HINT: 5.97.
THAT DOESN'T HELP? (LAUGHS) WELL, JUST BE PATIENT, MY FRIEND.
ONCE YOU FIND OUT, IT SHOULD MAKE PERFECT SENSE.

Art a la Rave SPECIAL



Elie as drawn by Akimine Kamijyo, creator of Samurai Deeper Kyo!

AN INTRODUCTION TO "KYO"-

FOUR YEARS AFTER THE BATTLE OF SEKIGAHARA, THE LEGENDARY SWORDSMAN DEMON EYES KYO HAS RETURNED! ARMED WITH A FIVE-SHAKU LONG SWORD AND WEARING A YIN-YANG SYMBOL ON HIS BACK, HE HAS GLOWING EYES THE COLOR OF BLOOD. BUT SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT—KYO'S SPIRIT IS TRAPPED INSIDE THE BODY OF HIS ARCH-ENEMY, KYOSHIRO MIBU, AND HE'LL DO *ANYTHING* TO GET HIS BODY BACK.

TADA! WE'VE GOT A SPECIAL ILLUSTRATION FROM THE MANGA-KA OF *SAMURAI DEEPER KYO,* AKIMINE KAMIJYO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ACTUALLY, THIS SPECIAL ART CORNER IS KIND OF A RIP-OFF OF THE "CHALLENGE AKIMINE KAMIJYO" FAN ART SECTION IN KYO. SORRY 'BOUT THAT. MAYBE WE CAN GET A FAN ART SECTION GOING IN RAVE MASTER HERE IN THE STATES, TOO? SEND IN YOUR STUFF, READERS! ANYWAY, I'D LIKE TO GUSH A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY FRIEND AND FELLOW MANGA-KA, KAMIJYO-SENSEI. KYO IS THE FIRST ACTUAL PERIOD DRAMA I'VE EVER READ, BUT IT'S REALLY GOOD! WHAT ELSE DO YOU EXPECT—THE SERIES IS A HIT! EVEN THOUGH KAMIJYO AND I ARE PUBLISHED IN THE SAME MAGAZINE *(WEEKLY SHONEN MAGAZINE),* WE'VE NEVER ACTUALLY MET IN PERSON, BUT WE HAVE EXCHANGED LETTERS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, SO I'M BEING SELFISH IN CALLING HIM MY FRIEND. I HOPE WE'RE BOTH WORKING TOGETHER IN THIS INDUSTRY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. LET'S GET TOGETHER IN PERSON SOMETIME!

PS—I HAVE AN ILLUSTRATION IN THE BACK OF KYO VOL. 4. SORRY ABOUT SENDING IT WITHOUT ASKING...AND YET YOU STILL PUBLISHED IT! I WAS TOUCHED.

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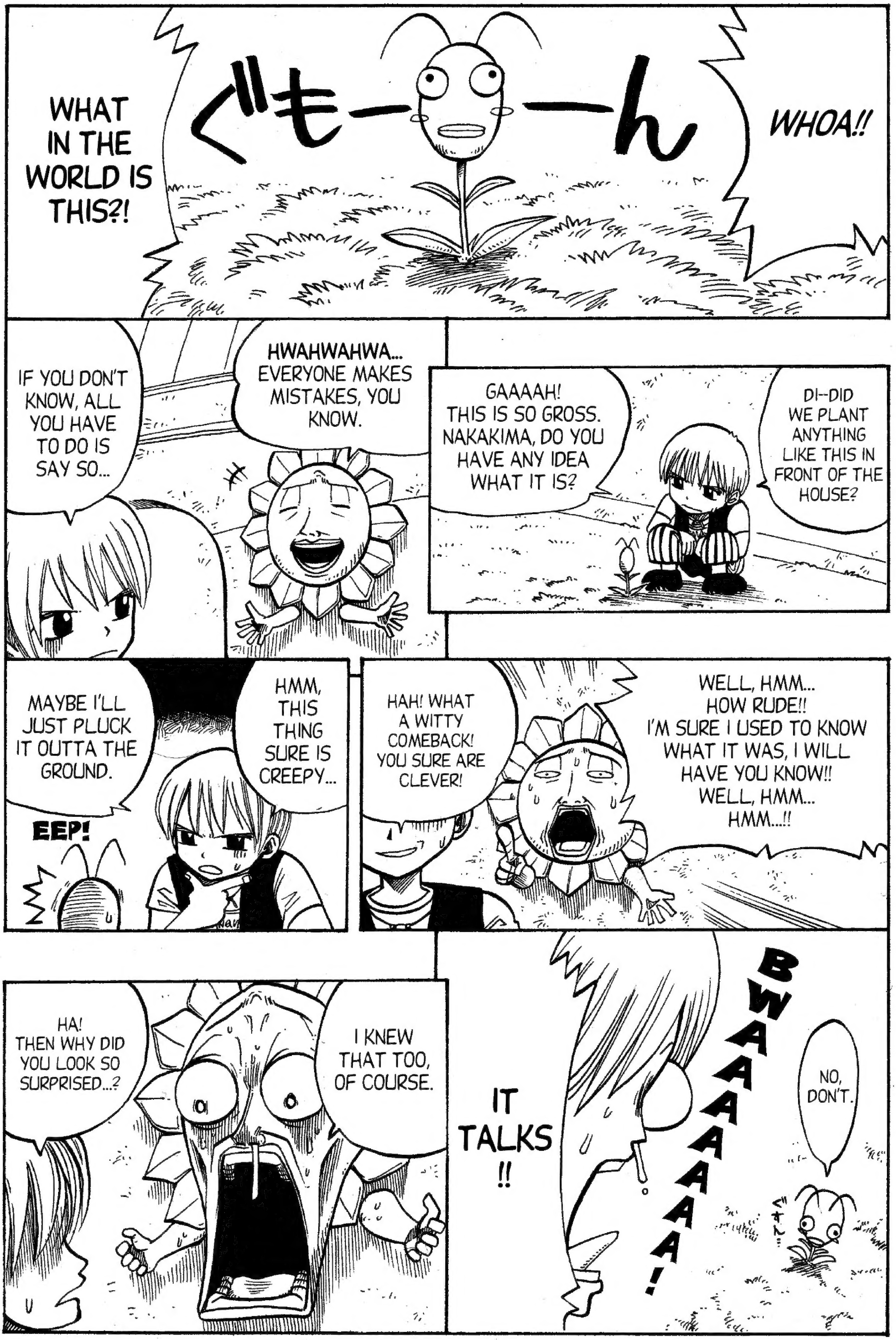
Levin Watches the House
Episode 6 - A flower?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WHOA!!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS?!
DI--DID WE PLANT ANYTHING LIKE THIS IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE?
GAAAAH! THIS IS SO GROSS. NAKAKIMA, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT IT IS?
HWAHWAHWA... EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES, YOU KNOW.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SAY SO...
WELL, HMM... HOW RUDE!! I'M SURE I USED TO KNOW WHAT IT WAS, I WILL HAVE YOU KNOW!! WELL, HMM... HMM...!!
HAH! WHAT A WITTY COMEBACK! YOU SURE ARE CLEVER!
HMM, THIS THING SURE IS CREEPY...
MAYBE I'LL JUST PLUCK IT OUTTA THE GROUND.
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NO, DON'T.
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BWAAAAAAAA!
IT TALKS!!
I KNEW THAT TOO, OF COURSE.
HA! THEN WHY DID YOU LOOK SO SURPRISED...?

Notices and Stuff!

BOY, AM I POOPED...SILLY-MANGA ARTIST MASHIMA HERE, TAKING A LITTLE BREAK FROM MY BUSY SCHEDULE TO WRITE THIS. I WROTE ABOUT THIS IN THE NOTICE ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE, BUT I'VE BEEN BUSY DOING EXTRA WRITING AND DRAWING FOR THE TWO BOOKS COMING OUT SOON. THAT ASIDE, I THOUGHT I'D INTRODUCE A FAN LETTER I'VE RECEIVED RECENTLY.

"HIRO-KUN (LOTS OF PEOPLE CALL ME THIS)! WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON? YOU WROTE XXX-CHAN BACK BUT YOU DIDN'T WRITE ME BACK!! WHAT'S THE DEAL?"

APPARENTLY TWO FRIENDS BOTH WROTE IN, AND I WROTE BACK TO ONE OF THEM BUT NOT THE OTHER. I'M SORRY. I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORTIVE MAIL I GET EVERY WEEK. BUT YOU KNOW...I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WRITE EVERY SINGLE PERSON BACK. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M JUST READING THEM AND THROWING THEM AWAY, EITHER. I'VE READ EVERY SINGLE FAN LETTER I'VE EVER GOTTEN, AND I SAVE EVERY ONE OF THEM AS WELL. I THINK I WROTE THIS SOMEWHERE BEFORE, BUT I TREASURE EVERY SINGLE ONE. I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW MANY TIMES I'VE BEEN DOWN IN THE DUMPS OR FEELING TROUBLED (YES, IT HAPPENS TO ME TOO), AND I'VE PULLED OUT FAN LETTERS AND BEEN SAVED BY THEM. IF NOT FOR THE WONDERFUL FAN LETTERS, I'D PROBABLY HAVE GIVEN UP BY NOW AND BE BACK OUT AT MY FOLKS' PLACE OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE (LAUGHS). WORDS CAN'T DESCRIBE HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR FAN LETTERS. I KNOW I DON'T HAVE TIME TO RESPOND TO EVERYONE, BUT I AM TAKING THAT TIME TO MAKE A BETTER COMIC AS THANKS TO ALL MY READERS AND FANS. SO WHEN I HAVE A LITTLE TIME OFF AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO DO, I TRY RESPONDING TO SOME OF MY FAN MAIL. I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE UNFAIR TO ONLY WRITE TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHEN I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WRITE TO EVERYONE, BUT ANYWAY...BUT THAT'S MY OWN WAY OF EXPRESSING MY GRATITUDE. I HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ME IN THE FUTURE AS WELL. I'LL TRY MY HARDEST TO MAKE RAVE EVEN BETTER ON TOP OF THAT TOO. I PROMISE YOU.

HEH, SORRY FOR GETTING ALL SERIOUS THERE (SOMETIMES I CAN BE SERIOUS TOO).

P.S. - THE GUY WITH THE SCAR IN CHAPTER 53, THAT WAS SHUDA... JUST FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DIDN'T NOTICE.